There is a generally accepted statement that Chatham is primarily one family residential. However, to support such a community there have to be a number of auxiliary services provided as each political entity strives to be as self-sufficient as possible. Chatham is no exception. In prior times a vast majority of the wage earning population commuted to Newark and New York; but, the recent growth of the surrounding area, bringing with it new fields of activity, has increasingly opened new employment opportunities and has enlarged the local base. To provide food, to offer essential services, to cater to an affluent society, all require establishments which need people to staff and operate them. Thus a community like Chatham tends to generate its own job pool. There are nine stores in the Borough handling food staples, meat, and beverage, which, including full and part time employees, entails a payroll of over 120 people. These comprise three supermarkets and six smaller establishments. We have the necessary service institutions to keep our automobiles on the road, nine in all; to maintain our appliances, four in number; to launder and clean our garments, six all told; three companies to supply fuels for heat; eight establishments to wine and dine those who tire of home fare; and to beautify our citizens we have thirteen beauty and barber shops. We also have a nursing home for the sick and infirm and a health institute for those striving for physical fitness.
Ten other operations cover a variety of needs ranging from shoe repairs, paper deliveries, garbage disposal, to travel agencies. Altogether these various functions supply employment opportunities for over 280 people.

Strict zoning has largely inhibited industrial growth in Chatham; probably less than three percent of its land area is available for this use. However, a surprisingly large number of people earn a livelihood in these manufacturing operations; over three hundred and fifty are on the payrolls. The product range is quite broad, too. Various instruments, plastic molding and forming, tools and dies, color dispersions for the plastic industry, drawing and blue print papers, metal forming and stamping, candles for birthday cakes (largest in its field), ceramics, and electric transformers are made in Chatham. Over twenty concerns are so engaged.

Building construction and repairs, with its necessary counterpart supplies, also contribute heavily to the local business scene, as over eleven concerns are so engaged. Their activities flow necessarily well beyond Borough lines, as most of our land is now occupied and the larger remaining tracts are set aside for conservation. Still, over 140 people are employed in Chatham in this business area.

Those engaged in a number of miscellaneous activities such as local and long-distance moving, bus lines, truck charter services, distribution of magazines, local offices of national insurance companies, two funeral directors and a cemetery, printing and newspapers, several wholesale
firms, and the United Parcel Service account for still another important employment base. Including our two financial institutions, the Chatham Trust Company and the Chatham Savings and Loan, almost 190 people are so engaged.

Our retail shops not otherwise covered include a general department store, variety store, photographers, photo supplies, furniture upholstery and their materials, gift shops, toy and hobby shops, drug stores, florists, and five hardware and paint establishments. These retailers number over thirty and employ nearly 100 people.

Over eighteen firms are engaged in handling real estate and insurance. Some of their operations are county wide, although there are, it is estimated, family turnovers in Chatham of over 200 a year, which would seemingly support a number of real estate brokers. Approximately sixty principals and employees gain a livelihood in this segment. Chatham's professional class, including physicians, osteopaths and chiropractors, dentists, optometrists, fourteen in number, and three law firms account for another thirty-five employees and principals. Chatham's municipal and Post Office employees, and those engaged in the educational profession, bring the total local employment to well over 1300 people. Considering the predominately residential characteristics of the town, deducting the school and pre-school elements and retirees from the total population, this means over twenty percent of the people in Chatham could have found employment here. This does not, however, represent the actualities; because of the different
skills and talents involved, many come from outer communities to find employment. It does, on the other hand, show that a small suburban community like Chatham, despite highly restricted business and industrial areas and uses, builds of itself employment opportunities not possible years ago.

Note from Book Committee: Biographical data concerning Mr. O. W. Slagle will be found in the folder on Art. A picture of Mr. and Mrs. Slagle will be found in the Nursery School folder.
Edwin H. Stratford

2. Parents: Edwin H. Stratford
   Elizabeth Knehles Bloom
3. Married: Eleanor Little, June 8, 1929
   Morristown, N.J.
4. Parents: Edward Stuart Little
   Lillian Walker
   Nancy Eleanor Stratford, Morristown, 7/23/33
6. Education: Public Schools, Jersey City
   Stevens School, Hoboken, N.J.
   Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.
7. Business:
   Retired 1965- Vice President and member of
   Executive Committee and Board of
   Directors of Wall Industries, Inc.
   President- 1936-1965, George Stratford Oakum Co.
   President- 1959-1965, American Thermoplastics Co.
   Subsidiaries of Wall Industries, Inc.
   member: War Production Board, 1942-1944
   served various times and terms as member and
   officer of several trade associations
   holder of several patents relating to cordage and
   packing industries
8. Outside Activities- past
   A. Chairman of Mayor's Committee on Chatham's
      Fiftieth Anniversary of its Establishment
      as a Borough
   B. Served two terms as member of Board of Ad-
      justment. Chairman last year of second term.
   C. Committee member to initiate establishment of
      Chatham Borough's Planning Board.
   D. President of Chatham Community Players
   E. President of United Campaign Fund
   F. Served two terms as Vestryman of St. Paul's
      P. E. Church, and as member of Interchurch
      Council in Chatham. Diocesan delegate of
      St. Paul's to convention.
Outside Activities- present
A. Vice-President of Chatham Historical Society
B. Treasurer of Friends of the Library
C. Member of Board of Adjustment, Chatham
9. Clubs:
   A. Cornell Club of New York
   B. Chatham Fish and Game Association

10. Present Interests and Hobbies:
    Various community activities
    Travel
    History
    Bridge
    Books
    our children's careers
    our Grandchildren, nine in number

Edwin H. Stratford
Residence of Mr. & Mrs. Stratford
161 Fairmount Avenue

Mr. Edwin H. Stratford, Jr.
Name of Company: Chatham Brush Company

Address:

Date established in Chatham:

Officers and Titles:

Products or Services offered:

Number of employees:

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Chatham Brush is a wholesale distributor of brush started in Chatham by Mr. R. Perweck in 1952 and moved to Mendham in 1956.

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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We would appreciate the favor of an immediate reply as time is of the essence.
Name of Company: C. De Santis Tailoring Studio
Address: 231 Main Street
Date established in Chatham: February 2, 1914
Officers and Titles: Skilled Tailoring, High-Class Tailors

Products or Services offered: Woolens, trimmings, silks, fine materials; alterations, fittings, cleaning, pressing, and custom tailoring

Number of Employees: During the busy season, as many as two tailors.

Brief history of the company in Chatham: From beginning, I was very successful and served all the best families in Chatham. I was fond of them. I can truthfully say the Chatham people are out of the ordinary; kind and friendly and courteous to strangers.

Previous experience: Before I established my business, I was head tailor for a high-class tailor in Morristown.

How did you happen to come to Chatham: I had a friend in business here who was prosperous and liked it here.

Did you buy business or establish it? I established my own business.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? Yes. Chatham was quaint and old fashioned. The trolley car rode through Main Street to Newark and the horse and carriage was employed for delivering, etc.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local Color?

I often found it necessary to return to my shop in the evening to finish work which customers asked for in a hurry. Often men of the town would come in for a visit and tell friendly jokes. Mr. Reed said, that his wife told him if she could have a car, she could pay for it, saving money and going to other towns to shop. He replied, "You are licked before you start."

Carmine De Santis
CHATHAM IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY

Once upon a time, the valley of the great Watchung was overrun with animals of great size. During the glacial period, deposits of sand were laid down where our village now stands. At that time, iron ore was smelted into bars and was sent by horse-back to Newark, and from there shipped by boat to New York City.

Long before the white man trapped and hunted through the valley of the great Watchung, numbers of Indians, of the Minisink Tribe, came from Delaware each year to fish and hunt. Three famous Indian chiefs were lords of the valley of the Great Watchung. They were Semmachus, Nosechem, and Nowenochs.

John Day, one of the first settlers, named Chatham the "Days Bridge". In 1775 it was named Chatham after William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, an English gentleman. Lum, Budd, and Day were the first land owners in Chatham.

CHATHAM IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY

Chatham was the outpost of the Continental Army, when Washington was quartered at Morristown. Chatham was very much on the alert all through the Revolutionary war days. We have reason to be proud of the chivalry of our Chatham forefathers.

The first church was built by the Methodists. It was dedicated on July 18, 1833. The Catholic church was built in 1887. The Congregational church was dedicated October 9, 1881. St. Paul's Episcopal church was dedicated April 29, 1909. Then the Presbyterian church was built.
The first school was built on Passaic Avenue in 1873, which provided for the entire town. It had a staff of two teachers and 130 students.

Early transportation from Chatham to Jersey City (Paulus Hook then) was by stagecoach. In 1867 the first railroad trains were double-tracked to Morristown.

The Chatham free public library was organized in 1906.

I came from Salerno, Italy in the year of 1906. I arrived in New York City July 3. I celebrated my first Fourth of July. The next day, on July 5, I found my first job. "Friday was my lucky day." On Saturday I returned to work again; nine hours each day, for which I was paid $5.00. This seemed like a great deal of money to me.

After a short time in New York I came to Morristown, New Jersey where I soon found work in a fine tailoring establishment. I soon became head tailor and manager. However, my ambition was to establish my own business. After visiting a number of other towns, I came to Chatham where I noticed a new store being built. It was a very nice store in a good location. After a short agreement, the owner accepted my deposit and I returned to my wife and baby in Morristown to tell them the good news.

On February 2, 1914, I took possession of the store and named my business "C. De Santis Tailoring Studio". I immediately got in contact with the woolen houses in New York. I had accumulated tables, mirrors, sewing machines, etc. when I was a young boy.

I was immediately accepted by the friendly people of Chatham. My first customer, Mrs. Fredrick Lumy, Sr. called me on the phone
and made an appointment to have some tailoring done. From that
time on the Lums became good customers. Other outstanding customers
were Mr. and Mrs. John Hatt. Mrs. Hatt rode a beautiful brown
and white horse. She gave me the privilege of tailoring her riding
habits, and many other garments.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Young also became good customers. Mr.
Young became distinguished for his beautiful white tuxedos and full
dress garments. Upon his return from his numerous trips he would
stop into the tailor shop, with suitcase in his hand, with clothes
to be dry cleaned and pressed, or perhaps remodeled; always reward-
ing me by telling me of the many compliments he had received from
the many distinguished people he had met. They always said, "Who
is your tailor?" His reply was, "A grand little Italian tailor in
Chatham, New Jersey."

Miss Linda Philips Lum, librarian, became distinguished in
her trim tailored suits, of which she had a number. The doctors
were all my customers, and I reciprocated, when it became necessary.

It would be impossible to mention all of the numerous customers
who became my very dear friends as well as good patrons. From the
beginning of my career, I found it necessary to employ high class,
skilled workmen, and I still adopt this principle. I wish to tell
you that I am, as I was in the beginning, a very busy tailor.

Our first home in Chatham was in a new apartment on Bowers Lane.
We were there only a few months when I bought a lot and built a
house on North Hillside Avenue. We enjoyed our new home for about
two years when one of my beloved customers, Mr. Arthur Richmond,
lost his wife and was not well himself and suggested that I buy his
home, which I did. However, Mr. Richmond died before we took
possession of his home.

In the beginning, Chatham was a summer resort. It had a number of quaint rooming houses. In the park where the library stands now, there stood a large hotel, where there was a great deal of happy activity; and many visitors from distant places came.

Our schools have improved, and new schools have been built. The last one, Chatham High School, which is second to none, comes first in every way. The same can be said about the churches. The new Methodist church is outstanding and modern. The new Catholic church is also very much improved. Congregational church has improved by adding a school for the benefit of the children and adults who are being trained in the study of the Bible. The Long Hill Chapel is another place of worship which has come into existence since we came to Chatham. Its members are very pious, and they are very charitable.
Name of Company: GAS DRYING INC., 27 Commerce Street, Chatham, N. J.
Address:
Date established in Chatham: 1958
Officers and Titles: Dayrel G. Hoke, President
Products or Services offered: Manufacture Compressed Gas Dehydrators
Number of Employees: 12
Brief History of the Company in Chatham:

Started in building at 13 Commerce Street in 1958 and in 1960 moved to building at 27 Commerce Street.

Please mail to C. W. S. Stringer
504 Fairmount Ave.,
Chatham, N. J.
The Chatham Historical Society

Name of company: C.J. of Terrace House
Address: 424 Main St. cor Van Doren
Date established in Chatham: Apr. 1957
Officers and titles: Mrs. Martha Anthony, co-owner
Mrs. Wm. D. Anthony (Barbara) co-owner and partner
Products or services offered: Retail Dress Shop
Sportswear and accessories.

Number of employees: Two partners.

Brief history of the company in Chatham: The property on
which C.J. now stands was a vacant wooded corner. The Colonial
building was designed to keep as much of the natural surrounding
as possible.

Previous history of the company in Chatham: Both partners studied fashion designing and retailing.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Business property was available here, with residential atmosphere which was what was needed.

Did you buy your business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of old Chatham? No.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Former residents who left before store was built have stopped to compliment us on the attractive development of the corner.

Please do not feel limited to this sheet of paper. We are eager to gather as much information as possible about Chatham.
Name of Company: Jacobs
Address: 215 Main St - Chatham
Date established in Chatham: May 1956
Officers and Titles: Irving F Silverstein President
Doreen Silverstein First Lady
Products or Services offered: Ladies Ready to Wear
Number of employees: 6
Brief history of the company in Chatham:
Sell To People In Town & Outlying Areas At Discount Prices On All Brand Name.
Started In 1956, I Was Accepted Immediately.
Previous experience: None In Retail
How did you happen to come to Chatham: Passed It Often Liked The Area
Did you buy business or establish it? Established It
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local Color?

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Josephine's Beauty Shoppe

Josephine's Beauty Shoppe is now in its thirty-second year of business, thus making it the longest established salon in Chatham. Miss Josephine Triolo opened her shop on December 1, 1931. Prior to her opening there had been only one other beauty parlor in town, quite a change as compared to the eight existing salons today. Her first place of business, where she remained for three years, is across the street from her present location at 262 Main Street.

Josephine is a very charming person who has served three generations of Chathamites. She trained at the Marinella School of New York City, and continued to work in New York for three years before her opening in Chatham. She prefers to think of her clientele as friends rather than customers. In 1956 her twenty-fifth anniversary was marked by a reception in her shop at which family, business associates, and other well-wishers gathered to visit her. For the reception she had with her the very first appointment book of the shop which, most certainly, is an interesting Chatham item. Miss Triolo enjoys reminiscing and has seen many changes during her years as a beautician. She is vividly aware of the transitions and trends from the curling irons and electric permanents of yesteryear to the chic styles and latest innovations of the high fashion coiffures of today.

Josephine is the first of the eight children of the late Charles C. Triolo and Mrs. Triolo. She resides at 66 Garden Avenue with her mother and two of her sisters, Dorothy, a former member of the Army Nurses Corps in World War II, and who is presently employed by the Summit Medical Group, and Hilda, an employee of Ciba Pharmaceuticals. The other Triolo children are Mrs. Joseph O. Valgenti of Chatham, Miss Jane Triolo of New York City.

There was also a brother, Peter, who died in World War II, and two sisters who died earlier.
Miss Tricolo is a member of the National Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association and the Soroptomist Federation of the Americas, Inc.

She is an active member of the Chatham Chamber of Commerce and of St. Patrick's Rosary Society.

She is a past vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce.

(Courier, Nov. 31, 1956).
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Industry in Chatham

Name of Company: KEUFFEL & ESSER CO.
Address: 31 Willow St., Chatham, N. J.
Date established in Chatham: 1947

Officers and Titles:
* See below

Products or Services offered:
HELIOS and ONYX Positive Line Reproduction Papers, Cloths and Films.

Number of Employees:
Manufacturing & Research - 66

Brief History of the Company in Chatham:
After World War II K&E began an expansion program in the field of Diazo Reproduction Materials, the first of which was the purchasing of the Chatham location for a new coating plant. This plant also houses a complete laboratory for research and testing in the Diazo field. Executive offices for this coating plant are located in Hoboken, N. J.

Please mail to C. W. S. Slagle
293 Fairmount Ave.,
Chatham, N. J.

* Officers located in Hoboken, N. J.

A. E. Busch               President
R. K. Keller             Vice President
W. G. Keller            "       "
A. W. Keuffel          "       " & Secretary
S. Wood, Jr.            "       "
H. F. Schermerhorn      "       "
E. H. Koenig           "       "
J. R. Juten            V       V
T. R. Nye                Treasurer
Name of Company: Maximum Hobby Shop

Address: 168 Main St

Date established in Chatham: March 1955

Officers and Titles:

- Hugh W. James
- Joseph H. Perry

Products or Services offered:
- Models
- Ho Trains
- Airplane Models
- Car Models, etc.

Number of employees:

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Established in 1955 run by Mr. James McCabe until his death in 1960, run by Mrs. Nora McCabe his widow until her death in 1962. Run on a part-time basis by Mrs. Hugh McCabe and by Hugh, Joseph, & Henry until it was closed in 1966.

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Hugh McCabe was a resident

Did you buy business or establish it?

Established it

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

No

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

Some pictures are available if desired

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Michael of Vienna

In March, 1956, Michael Rosamy, two-time winner of the World's Championship hair styling competition of the International Beauty Show and winner of 29 other trophies, opened a beauty shop at 186 Main Street.

Michael, who came to this country from Vienna began working January, 1952, at the "New Weston" in New York. Two months later he won the grand prize. He has taught classes in many sections of the country. The February, 1956 cover of American Magazine featured one of his hair styles. His shop provided complete beauty service with expert massage and make-up styling; it offered parking facilities for 30 cars.

He has a scrapbook of pictures, one showing him doing Miss America's hairdo; also a tricky hairdo on Jane Pickens show on TV which can be changed in two minutes from a daytime to evening style.

Michael, 6 ft. 1", has trophies for skiing, swimming, bicycling and soccer. His family consists of the attractive red-haired Julie and their 11-year old son, Michael, Jr.

(Taken from Courier, March 8, 1956).

N. B. On July 1, 1963 this shop changed hands.

Steven Rohaly, assistant to Michael of Vienna, took 2nd master prize at Annual Club Championship of the Greater Art Hairdressers Club of New York. He has been with Michael for a year and a half. He also won a medal for the Jersey State Championship held recently in Atlantic City.

(Taken from Courier, November 21, 1957).
Industry In Chatham:

Name of Company: NATIONAL MAGAZINE SERVICE, INC.
Address: MAIN BY BOWERS LANE
Date established in Chatham: DEC 1957
Officers and Titles:
  Victor E. Lane, President
  C. B. McComb, Vice-President
  Donald Yellen, " "
  J. Russell Tippet, " "
  C. E. Pattenhouse, " "
  Don L. Garbee, Secretary, Treasurer
Products or Services offered:
We distribute nationally through the ranks the magazines published and distributed by Curtis Circulation Company and SELECT magazines. NATIONAL MAGAZINE SERVICE, INC. is equally owned by CURTIS and SELECT.
Number of employees: 10 in CHATHAM 14 in WATERLOO, IOWA AND ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.

Brief History of the Company in Chatham:
The company was founded in Newark, N.J. in Feb. 1950 by the Curtis Circulation Company and SELECT magazines. We operated from Newark until December 1957 when we moved into our present location which had been built for us to our specifications.

Please mail to C. W. S. Single
293 Fairmount Ave., Chatham, New Jersey
ME 5-5573
Industry in Chatham

Name of Company: H. Silberman & Co.
Address: 100 Summit Ave.
Chatham, N.J.
Date established in Chatham: Jan. 1956
Officers and Titles: Charles K. Betts and Jerome C. Jones - Partners

Products or Services offered:
- Wholesale Pottery and Glassware - Florist Division
- Carnival and Packaged Prize - Summer Shore Div.

Number of Employees: Varies, normally 7 to 10

Brief History of the Company in Chatham:
Company Established 1933 in Summit, N.J. Moved to Chatham in 1956 as plant offered better shipping facilities and plant offered larger single floor capacity. Were and still are impressed by cooperative attitude of Township towards business.

Please mail to C. W. S. Single
293 Winmount Ave.
Chatham, N.J.
ME 5-6573
Name of Company: Vonderahe Printing Service, Inc.
Address: 25 Commerce St, Chatham, N.J.
Date established in Chatham: August 1961
Officers and Titles:  
George R. Vonderahe - Pres. & Treas.
Virginia S. Vonderahe - Secretary
Edward F. Vonderahe - Vice-Pres.
Edwin J. Reid - Asst. Treas.

Products & Services offered: Commercial offset Printing
Number of employees: 15
Brief history of the company in Chatham: Started in 1961
with 6 employees and 4 presses. Now have 7 presses and 15
employees.

Previous experiences: 22 years with large commercial shop
and advertising division of General Electric Co.

How did you happen to come to Chatham: We were interested in
good manufacturing space.

Did you buy or establish it: We started from scratch

The business people in the area are a pleasure to deal with.
Established in Chatham, September, 1917.

A partnership owned by P. M. Whalen and John C. Berry

An operation of a variety store commonly known as a five and ten cent store, employing normally five persons.

This unit of our operation was purchased from William Dodge and his wife. They opened for business in November of 1938 and continued to do business in Chatham until we took over in 1947.

We are both former managers of the F. W. Woolworth Co. and started our first unit in Roselle Park, N. J. in 1937. We later opened stores in Bloomfield, Verona, Little Falls, Denville and Haskellworth, all of New Jersey.
The Chatham Historical Society

Name of Company: Roto Rooter Sewer Service
Address: 153 North Passaic Avenue, Chatham
Date established in Chatham: July 1963

Officers and titles:
Repping J. Scannelli - Pres.

Products or Services offered: Sewer & drain cleaning

Number of employees: 3

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: Mr. Scannelli had 12 years experience with the Essex County Roto Rooter franchise.

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy your business or establish it? We established it.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?
Our parents used to visit Chatham to eat.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers.

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My dear:

The Chatham Historical Society is currently gathering material for a forthcoming book -- The Tercentenary History of Chatham.

This will consist of two parts:
1st. A series of typewritten folders in the Public Library giving detailed information.
2nd. An informal book with many pictures and captions.

Every organization in the Borough has been asked to write its history in detail. Every facet of our community life is being covered. Every business man is being contacted.

It is planned to have every business in Chatham Borough listed in the book. Your detailed report will be in the Library. The committee would like to have this typed and in duplicate on 8½ by 11 paper.

This project involves no monetary contribution. When the book is published you may wish to purchase a copy, but that will be a matter of preference. Incredible as it sounds, this is actually "free advertising."

I am hoping that every one in town will wish to cooperate and that the folders in the Library will be a matter of pride to us all. We will appreciate any added information, brochures, etc. which you may find in digging out early records.

The enclosed questionnaire may be a guide.

Thanking you for your interest in this project, I am

Yours sincerely,

Note from Book Committee: This is one of the earliest letters sent out. We anticipated publishing in 1964, New Jersey's Tercentenary Year. We later changed our plans and also the title of the book to CHATHAM, At the Crossing of the Fishawack.
ADVERTISING
Kelly Advertising started in business March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, in 1950.....after about fifteen previous years with New York advertising agencies.

We moved to Chatham in 1960 because it was close to home .......more pleasant working conditions. We should have done it in 1950 when I first moved to Chatham for the atmosphere and surroundings are more conducive to creative thinking than the hurly burly of Newark & New York.

We are not a large firm, just an artist and myself...... my responsibility is to write copy and develop the basic ideas and my artist executes them. I also contact the customers and develop new business. All business is usually conducted in the customers offices so I find Chatham a very central point to work from. Our accounts are all over the North Jersey area however locally we serve the Chatham & Chatham Township Chambers of Commerce, The Chatham Trust Company and Atlantic Builders.

In the big New York advertising agencies now there is a trend to isolate writers & artists in penthouse offices where they can work on specific problems. They glamourize this by saying these men can think & work better in these more attractive surroundings. I had one such artist visit us one day and he looked out our big picture windows at the Watchung Hills and rave how this was the ideal place for creative thinking.

The products we offer are layouts, copy, finished artwork, ideas for sales presentations, conventions etc. We are happy to be able to do this in Chatham.
The Chatham Historical Society

Name: Ralph Bruce Associates

Address: 323 Main Street

Date established in Chatham: 1963

Officers and titles: Ralph F. Bohrmann, Milton M. Conkling, Bruce W. Bohrmann, partners

Products or services offered: Advertising agency and public relations

Number of employees: Three plus six part time

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Opened first office at 186 Main Street and moved to present accommodations in June, 1967.

Previous experience: All college educated and trained in newspaper, printing and advertising and promotion.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Well-located within highly developed business and industrial areas.

Did you buy your business or establish it? Established

Do you have personal reminiscences of old Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers:

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ANTIQUES, ART, GIFT.

TOYS AND HOBBY SHOPS
Name of Company: Trinnie Burr 1241 Main St.
Address: 
Date established in Chatham: 1951
Officers and Titles: Virginia Black, Proprietor
Products or Services offered: Gift shop - greeting cards, costume jewelry
Number of employees: One except part-time help during peak season.
Brief history of the company in Chatham: In operation 16 years and like people in Chatham area.

Previous experience: None
How did you happen to come to Chatham? In need of Chatham and wanted to start gift shop.
Did you buy business or establish it? Established
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: CARLS BABY LAND
Address: 261 MAIN ST.
Date established in Chatham: 1948
Officers and Titles: VIOLET & CARL STEIN OWNERS

Products or Services offered: TOYS HOBBIES & GAMES

Number of employees: FAMILY OPERATED (3)

Brief history of the company in Chatham: OPENED ON SEPT. 1-1948 AT 246 MAIN ST. MOVED TO PRESENT STORE AUG 195-6

Previous experience: none

How did you happen to come to Chatham? CHATHAM WAS IN NEED OF A COMPLETE CHILD'S SHOP OF TOYS. WE WANTED TO OPEN IN A SMALL SUBURBAN TOWN.

Did you buy business or establish it? yes

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? no

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Main Street. Chatham. 1845

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Name of Company:

Chatham House

63 Main St.

Address:

Date established in Chatham:

1956

Officers and Titles:

M. Raymond, M. Daniels, Partnership

Mrs. Weirall

Products or Services offered:

Antiques - reproductions - lamp design - gifts

Number of employees:

Partly full time

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

In operation here 11 years and have enjoyed a gratifying response to their venture.

Previous experience:

Mr. advertising manager for Sears Roebuck

Brooklyn - Mrs. designer and artist

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Established

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

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Name of Company: Creative Art Ceramics
Address: 17 Bridge St.
Date established in Chatham: 1945
Officers and Titles: Casey - owner
Products or Services offered: Molded greenware - kiln treatment and for appearance for finish - more
Number of employees: 3
Brief history of the company in Chatham: started this operation with husband - mostly custom work

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Creating anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name: GALLERY 9 and GALLERY 9 UPSTAIRS

Address: 9 North Passaic Ave. and 246 Main St., Chatham

Date established in Chatham: Gallery 9 established November, 1965
                  Gallery 9 Upstairs established October, 1966

Officers and titles: Anita Breier, President
                        Mil Hardy, Secretary/Treasurer

Products or services offered: Custom Framing, Fine Arts including oils, water colors, graphics, sculpture. Also interior design service.

Number of employees: 1

Brief history of the company in Chatham: The firm was established by the two partners with the help of their husbands who did all of the renovating. Over 60 artists are represented here.

Previous experience: Both are artists and have worked as interior decorators.

How did you happen to come to Chatham?
Mil Hardy lives in the township. Both partners had looked for some time for a little red barn in which to start an art gallery. Fortunately, the old cab stand was empty and available and they felt it was just right for this venture. Did you buy your business or establish it? Established it.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?
Have only been here about 7 years - from Colorado. My partner, Anita Breier is from Maplewood and formerly from the Bronx.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers:

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**Name:** CALT'S GALLERY

**Address:** 572 MAIN ST.

**Date established in Chatham:** 6-1-67

**Officers and titles:**
- **L. de Fura** - Owner
- **V. Karpou** - Director

**Products or services offered:**
- FINE ART & CUSTOM FRAMING

**Number of employees:** 3

**Brief history of the company in Chatham:**
JUST MOVED TO TOWN

**Previous experience:**
MANAGER & DIRECTOR OF ART GALLERIES

**How did you happen to come to Chatham?**
LIKED THE TOWN

**Did you buy your business or establish it?** ESTABLISHED IT

**Do you have personal reminiscences of old Chatham?** NO

**Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers:**

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Name of Company: The Old Time Shops Antiques
Address: 170 Main St., Chatham
Date established in Chatham: April 1945
Officers and Titles: Owners - Karl & Doris Jacob
Products or Services offered: General line of Antiques
Antique Clock Repair Service - Lamp Rewiring
Number of employees: None
Brief history of the company in Chatham: We find increasing interest in antiques, and particularly in old clocks. We feel we are helping in seeing clocks restored old clocks at reasonable prices.
Previous experience: Antique Shows & Clock Repair Service
How did you happen to come to Chatham? Have lived in Chatham & Chatham Twp. since 1939. Found area conducive to Antiques.
Did you buy business or establish it? Established.
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: **THE WILLIAM PITT GIFT SHOP**

Address: 104 MAIN ST, CHATHAM, N. J.

Date established in Chatham: **APPROX. 1933 — KNOWN AS HARNED'S UNTIL 1962 WHEN NAME CHANGED TO WM. PITT.**

Officers and Titles: **GEORGE B. COLESWORTHY, JR.** OWNER-MANAGEMENT  
**MARION H. COLESWORTHY**

Products or Services offered: GIFTS, CANDLES, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, GREETING CARDS

Number of employees: **FOUR — INCLUDING OWNERS (2)**

Brief history of the company in Chatham: ESTABLISHED APPROX. 1933 BY MAN. ROBERT HARNED KNOWN AS HARNED'S GIFT SHOP UNTIL APPROX. 1962 WHEN PURCHASED BY GEORGE R. GIBSON, JR. AND NAME CHANGED TO THE WILLIAM PITT GIFT SHOP. SOLD TO PRESENT OWNERS BY MRS. G. R. GIBSON, JR., IN MARCH 1966.

Previous experience: 30 YEARS IN VARIOUS MARKETING ACTIVITIES WITH GENERAL ELECTRIC CO. AND WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORP.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? AS ELEVEN YEAR RESIDENTS OF SUMMIT BECAME IMPRESSED WITH CHARM OF CHATHAM AS WELL AS PROMISING POTENTIAL FOR A COLONIAL GIFT SHOP.

Did you buy business or establish it? PURCHASED.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? LOCAL COLOR?  
BY AND LARGE CUSTOMERS ARE DELIGHTFUL PEOPLE, CLEARLY IMPRESSED WITH MANNER IN WHICH SHOP HAS BEEN REDECORATED AND MERCHANDISE LINES EXPANDED. EMPHASIS ON COLONIAL AMERICANA IS BEING WELL RECEIVED AND IS IN KEEPING WITH CHATHAM'S HISTORIC BACKGROUND.

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Name of Company: Daniel & Son
Address: "someton"
Date established in Chatham: 1930
Officers and Titles: "must"

Products or Services offered: "gutes - gutes, etc." 
Number of employees: "manager"
Brief history of the company in Chatham: "business is started by many clerk."

Previous experience: "Began at Spital, mon."

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it? "Bought."

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: **Tally Ho Antiques**
Address: 180 Main St Chatham N.J.
Date established in Chatham: **May 1955**
Officers and Titles: **Marie Y. Thompson (Owner)**

Products or Services offered: **Art Glass Etc. Cut Glass, China**
Number of employees: **None**

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

**Previous experience:**

**How did you happen to come to Chatham?**

Did you buy business or establish it? **Established It**

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? **None**

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color? **None**

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Name of Company: Chatham Shop
Address: 70 Main St., Chatham
Date established in Chatham: about 1955
Officers and Titles: None.
Products or Services offered: Antiques and handmade articles of fine.
Number of employees: None.

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
The shop is located in the original section of the town in which Mr. Rosalie Munn Jones was born. Many years ago, the above poultry farm was located there & operated by my parents, Suzanne & John Peir Munn.

Previous experience: None.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Born at present location.

Did you buy business or establish it? Established it.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? Many. Attended the present Fairmount Avenue School. Started school at the old Hill-Rosehill School. Walking to school on Market St. Then went along the Stone Wall, then across the street to crossdress the board at Yankelovitz. My brother Pier Munn would often take me with him when he did various assignments. This article in the newspaper went under “From an attic window” and many stories of Chatham went in the paper. potatoes out the river under Mr. Strong and the Eldresses under Major Daniel. Sunday school, Young People, Rehn marriage in 1934 at St. Paul’s. The one thing—

Please do not feel limited to this sheet of paper. We are eager to gather as much information as possible about Chatham. Short always bothered me when the trolley ride over the bridge as we would say hello to everyone. It’s wonderful to live in nature of Chatham!
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The Willow Shop
ANTIQUES

417 MAIN STREET
CHATHAM, NEW JERSEY
635-6596

Ruth B. Folsom, owner
Established September 1966.
Sells antiques such as furniture, paintings,
porcelain, bronze decorations and
antique and estate jewelry.
Services such as jewelry repairing,
replating, silver polishing, brass also appraising.
No employees.
Moved to Chatham in June 1966 and
set up shop in separate building
in rear of my home. So far
consider business successful for
length of time here. Have become
quite well known in area and
have developed many regular
clients.
Attended Chatham Antique Show in
February and was invited to attend
Princeton, N.J. Show in March.
 Been interested in antiques for many years, studied antiques and decorating.
First established my own business in Montclair, N. J. almost 10 years ago.
For personal reasons wanted to move from large home and combine business with living closer by. Fortunately found the ideal place in Chatham - considered good area for this business.

Find great pleasure in my business. Also find people in area exceedingly interested in antiques, very pleasant to deal with and most appreciative of my wares.
APPLIANCES —

REPAIRS AND SALES
The Chatham Historical Society

MAIN STREET, CHATHAM, 1846

Kane

Date established in Chatham: Jan. 1962

Philips A. Snyder, OWNER

Products and services offered: Sales and Service of Vacuum Cleaners
Small Appliances - Air Conditioning

Number of employees: 2

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Sales and Service of Vacuum Cleaners
and Small Appliances, then expanded to Sales and Service of Air Conditioners.

Previous experience: Managerial Positions

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Previous Managerial Experience in Chatham

Did you buy your business or establish it? Established it.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No - Too Young

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers. Our experience in dealing with
the people of Chatham has been most pleasant. We find the residents to
be most understanding, making business here very enjoyable.

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information as possible about Chatham.
Name of Company: Snyder's Maytag
Address: 160 Main St.
Date established in Chatham: February 1962
Officers and Titles: Mr. J. Snyder - Owner

Products or Services offered: Sales & Service, Maytag Home Laundry Equipment
Number of employees: 3

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: Employed by The Maytag Co.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Location to surrounding area

Did you buy business or establish it? Established

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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AUTOMOBILE SALES
AND SERVICE
Name: CHATHAM AUTO REPAIR
Address: 41 NO PASSaic AVE
Date established in Chatham: 1945
Officers and titles:
FATHER George J. Conlan Pres
SON George T Conlan V.Pres
Products or Services offered:
General Auto Repairs
American OIl Dealer
Number of employees: THREE

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
Originally owned by Joe Devine & Son.
George J. Conlan - Than in 1945 - Partnership between
William Kelly & George J. Conlan - Than in 1965 sold to
George J. Conlan & George T. Conlan

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Born in Chatham.
Did you buy your business or establish it?
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers:

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Name: Chatham Esso - James B. McFee
Address: 137 Main St. Chatham
Date established in Chatham: Apr. 1930
Officers and titles: James B. McFee, owner
Products or services offered: Motor fuel & Auto service
Number of employees: 10
Brief history of the company in Chatham: Original station had a hand operated pump.
Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Located here by Humble Oil & Refining Co.
Did you buy your business or establish it? Thatchard
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? None

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers: Very friendly atmosphere

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Name: CHATHAM GARAGE
Address: 315 PASSaic AVE
Date established in Chatham:
Officers and titles:
  AUSTIN DODLER
  OWNER
Products or services offered:
  AUTO REPAIRS
Number of employees: 3
Brief history of the company in Chatham: STARTED BY ABNER REEVES
Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy your business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers:

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Name: CHATHAM MOTOR CO LTD
Address: 219 MAIN ST
Date established in Chatham: OCT 1967
Officers and titles: JOSEPH BEIM PROP
Products or services offered: SALES, SERVICE, AUTOMOBILES
Number of employees: 7 (SEVEN)
Brief history of the company in Chatham:
Previous experience: AUTO MACHINIST
How did you happen to come to Chatham? BUILDING AVAILABLE
Did you buy your business or establish it? ESTABLISHED
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?
Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers: WALT RISVIT

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Name: Chatham Historical Society
Address: 111 Main St.
Date established in Chatham: Nov. 15, 1953
Officers and titles: Daniel D. Dances
Products and services offered: Museum & Repair Service

Number of employees: 5

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
Started as a small one bay station
Now a three bay operation, one of the largest volume
in town.

Previous experience:
Packard Motors Co.
20 yrs.

How did you happen to come to Chatham?
I had heard it was a growing

Did you buy your business or establish it?
Established it

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?
Chatham has always been such a quaint
town & yet does not lose its charm

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers:

Please do not feel limited to this sheet of paper. We are eager to gather as much
information about Chatham as possible.

The people of Chatham as a whole are
a wonderful group & have really helped
make this business
The Chatham Historical Society

Address: Chatham Sunoco

Date established in Chatham: 360 MAIN ST.

Officers and titles: Joseph G. Haas Jr., OWNER.

Products or services offered: GENERAL AUTO REPAIRS.

Number of employees: TIRES - BATTERIES - ACCESSORIES.

3

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham? News paper Ad.

Did you buy your business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers:

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MAIN ST. CHATHAM, 1845
GEORGE'S
SUBURBAN BODY SHOP
28 WATCHUNG AVENUE
RHUMN, N. J.

Name of company: 
Address: 
Date established in Chatham: 1956
Officers and titles: OWN GEORGE THONET
Products or services offered: AUTO BODY
Number of employees: 5
Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: 3 yr Summit
How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Building & Property were for sale
Did you buy your business or establish it?
Did you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers?

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Name: Paul Budnik — Paul Suncecc

Address: 169 Main Street

Date established in Chatham: Oct 1, 1961

Officer and titles: Paul Budnik - Owner & Operator

Products or services offered: Service Station

Number of employees: 3

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

This business was passed on to me by James H. Solow who operated it from Dec 1, 1959 to Oct 1, 1961.

Previous experience:

Worked for James H. Solow from his opening date.

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

For business reasons.

Did you buy your business or establish it? Bought.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

No.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers:

A pleasant place to do business.

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Name of Company:
Address:
Date established in Chatham: Apr 1937
Officers and Titles: Joel C. Cleardaim

Products or Services offered: General etc. Service Station

Number of employees: 3

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: Service Station

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Liked the town

Did you buy business or establish it? Established

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

Very Good.

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Name: Riverside Esso (Chris T. Dunlop)
Address: 4 Watchung Ave, Chatham N.J.
Date established in Chatham: 1933

Officers and titles:

Products or services offered: Service Station

Number of employees: 5

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Riverside has been a family affair since its beginning.

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy your business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers:

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BARBER AND BEAUTY SHOPS
Name of Company: American Barber Shop
Address: 9 Passaic Av
Date established in Chatham: Bought out Jesse F. Mercer in 1946
Officers and Titles: Ralph J. Badolato, owner
Products or Services offered: Tonsorial services for men, women and children

Number of employees: Two

Brief History of the company in Chatham:
R. Badolato started working for Jesse F. Mercer in 1940, during summer of two last years in Summit High School. In 1942 he joined the marines. Discharged in 1945, he returned to his job with Mr. Mercer. Bought him out in 1946.

Previous experience: Worked in barber shops in Maplewood, Summit and Irvington.

How did you happen to come to Chatham: Heard Mr. Mercer needed a barber.

Did you buy the business or establish it? Bought it.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham: As a boy rode around Chatham in a bread delivery truck with his father, liked the town. He recalls old buildings on Passaic Ave and the watering trough in Reasoner Park. He has always lived in Summit.

About five years ago a group of boys came in and persuaded him to give a couple of them a Mohegan hair cut. The boys had some bets about it among themselves. The mothers were furious. One boy was kicked out of school for a while.
Anthony's Beauty Salon

Anthony's Beauty Salon, 166 Main St., Chatham, N.J.,
owned and operated by Anthony Petraccoro of Summit, N.J.,
opened on May 15, 1950.

Mr. Petraccoro started his career in Summit, N.J. working
there for 3 (three) years before coming to Chatham. It was
a hard struggle at first, because he took over the shop
with no good-will. But with determination, work and con-
fidence, I have made a success.

The women of Chatham and nearby communities have been very
kind and understanding to us. I have just loved and enjoyed
working in Chatham for the past 13 years. It doesn't seem
that long, because it has gone so fast.

In all these years there has been quite a change in customers.
Many have moved away, but always new families coming in.

Anthony has two assistants: Miss Agnes Petrone of Morris-
town for 15 years, with a total of 20 years experience; and
Miss Antoinette Bivona of Plainfield, N.J. for about 6
years with a total of 10 years experience.

We hope to continue to serve the women of Chatham N.J. for
many years to come.

Shop was owned previously by Ann Guida of Summit, N.J.
Name of Company: CHATHAM BEAUTY SALON

Address: 225 MAIN ST CHATHAM

Date established in Chatham: 1928

Officers and Titles: Josephine Burke, Owner

Products or Services offered: Beauty Service

Number of employees: 2

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: Formerly with S. Bamberger & Co.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Passed through many towns and wanted a quiet place in a small town.

Did you buy business or establish it? Established.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

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Mr. Philip Errico, famous beautician for twenty-five years, is a former resident of East Orange. He moved to 353 Main St., Chatham, with his family on November 1, 1958.

His wife is the former Nicolina Marmo, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Carmine Marmo of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Mr. & Mrs. Philip Errico have four boys, Carmine, Philip, Joseph and Albert.

Mr. Errico holds the Outstanding Achievements Trophy in Beauty Culture.

Mr. Errico purchased the property from Dr. Guy Emery Shipler and started his own business.
TERCENTENARY HISTORY OF CHATHAM
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Company: Hollywood Hairdressers
Address: 9 So Passiac Ave
Date established in Chatham: 1956

Officers and Titles:
Pres. Mr. Louis R. Vispoli
Sec./Treas. Edith Vispoli

Products or Services offered: Complete Hairdressing service including cuts, cutting, perm, removal wave, hair coloring, hair scalp treatments, etc.
Also complete wig service

Number of employees: Two

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Established by Mr. Felix De Santis in 1955.
Purchased by Mr. Louis Vispoli in 1956

Previous experience: Andre's of Morristown N.J.
Oppenheim & Collins Co.

How did you happen to come to Chatham:

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local Color?

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Mr. James Beauty Salon

Mr. James was born and raised in Newark, one of 11 children. He attended all Newark schools and then served two years in the Korean War. On returning from the service he decided to attend Wilfred Academy, one of the foremost Beauty Schools in Newark. After working in several Newark Shops he enrolled in the Charles of the Ritz Styling School in New York. While there a former member of the Chas. of the Ritz staff of B. Altman, Short Hills, offered him a job in their salon. That was the year 1957. James worked there until he opened his own shop in 1961 - Mr. James Beauty Salon, Chatham, N.J.

James Di Rienzo
Name of Company: MATTIE LOU BEAUTY SALON
Address: 164 Main Street
Date established in Chatham: March 1, 1937
Officers and Titles: Owner Mattie L. South

Products or Services offered:

Number of employees: I have had two operators employed during the twenty-nine years of business and at the present time I have Mrs. Mary Porter and Mrs. Rhoda Lugrin.

Brief history of the company in Chatham: When I first came to Chatham, March-1937, I bought the Beauty Shop located at 166 Main St.
1940 I moved my Beauty Shop to the home I purchased at 164 Main St., which was owned by Mr. Fred Dusenberry. His mother had the house built in 1925.

Previous experience: Owned the Silhouette Beauty Shop in Westfield, N. J. for five years before coming to Chatham.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Came to Chatham to buy a dress at the 7 and 11 dress shop.

Did you buy business or establish it? The Business had been started and was closed for nine months when I bought the Beauty Shop.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

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Nick J. Art Barber Service

262 Main St

June 1st, 1939

Officers and Titles:

Nick Formichelli (Partner)
Art Benciveno

Products or Services offered: All services connected with barbering.

Number of employees: 5

Brief history of the company in Chatham: I bought the shop from William Eppel in 1939. Mr. Eppel opened the shop in 1935. We have been in the same location since 1935.

Previous experience: (Vic)

How did you happen to come to Chatham? I came to work here in 1936 for Mr. Eppel. Art came in 1939 when we bought the business.

Did you buy business or establish it? Bought it.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? Not since before 1936.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

I have had wonderful memories of customers such as Mrs. Rosal Kelly (Mr. Tom Scott) Roy S. Tinney (Tax Collector, Chatham Press, Recorder) and many others. These people had the same kind of disposition as some of our forefathers, original and unique.

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Name of Company: Peter Coiffures
Address: 235 Main St.
Date established in Chatham: May 5, 1969
Officers and Titles: Peter Ferlise - Pres
Anne Ferlise - V Pres
Margaret Zarra - Sec
Products or Services offered: Hair Styling
Number of employees: Five
Brief history of the company in Chatham: In the seven years here we have remodeled three times.
Previous experience: Worked in Barbour's Salon in Newark. Also in South Orange.
How did you happen to come to Chatham? We liked the town.
Did you buy business or establish it? Establish it.
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color? One day a customer walked in and sat in the waiting room. There was another woman waiting. I said to the other woman "Doesn't Mr. Michael do nice work." Other woman inform me that this was not Mr. Michael shop. But Peters. She then got up and left.

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MAIN STREET, CHATHAM, 1860

Name: Ravissant Coiffures, Bruno D. Geschke
Address: 156 Main Street
Date established in Chatham: July 12th, 1963
Officers and titles: Owner of Ravissant Coiffures

Products or services offered: Hairstyling, wig creations

Number of employees: One

Brief history of the company in Chatham: 'Tested by Michael of Vienna 14 years ago, purchased from him 5 years ago.

Previous experience: 'Hairstylist for 27 years, learned the trade in Northern part of Germany, started in 1890, at the age of 15. Came to the U.S. (1914)

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Came to visit friends on North Hillside Ave., staying at the home of Mrs. Matthiesen. Did you buy your business or establish it? Purchased from Michael of Vienna

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers: Meet in shop a woman from Madison, Mrs. Updyke from my home town in Germany. In conversation, found out she was the daughter of our family. Please do not feel limited to this sheet of paper. We are eager to gather as much information as possible about Chatham.
in 1957. Worked in New York for 9 years in leading
Beauty Shops along 5th & 7th Avenue. Came to Chatham 5 yrs.
ago.

Doctor for years (Small World).
Company:  
Sals Barber Shop (owned and operated by Sal Leone of East Orange N.J.)

Address:  
246 Main Street

Date established in Chatham:  
1948

Officers and Titles:

Products or Services offered:  
Mens, Women and Children Haircutting

Number of employees:  
Three

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

(See Reverse Side)

Previous experience:  
Thirty Eight years in the barber business

How did you happen to come to Chatham:

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers?  Local Color?

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After working for many years in large cities I decided that a change of scenery would do me a world of good. After searching for quite some time I noticed an ad for a barber in "Nick & Art" barber shop located in the community of Chatham.

Once I began working in the suburbs I realized that this was the ideal place to work because of the friendly atmosphere of Chatham.

After working for Nick & Art for six years a fellow worker and I opened our own shop "Chatham Barber shop" on South Passaic ave. The late Mr Monticello owned the "Chatham Barber shop" for many years before he died in 1954.

After five years my partner and I dissolved our partnership and I opened my own shop "Sals Barber Shop" at 34 Main Street. For the last few years my son Louis, another employee and I have been cutting the hair of many local residents in our modern barber shop.

I have been working in Chatham for sixteen years and I hope to remain serving the men, women and children for many more years.
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Name: Thomas Cirillo Sr. - Tommy's Hair Fashions

Address: 26 W Main St.

Date established in Chatham: Nov 1966

Officer and titles: OWNER

Products and services offered: HAIR DRESSING

Number of employees: 5

Brief history of the company in Chatham: PREV. OWNER 30 YRS. IN CHATHAM

Previous experience: HAIR STYLIST IN SHORT HILLS

How did you happen to come to Chatham? WORKING CLOSE BY

Did you buy your business or establish it? BUY

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? NO

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers: NO

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Name of Company:
Address:
Date established in Chatham: 1910
Officers and Titles:
Products or Services offered: Barber Shop
Number of employees: 1

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
None as Andy Tyros moved from Madison where he operated a shop for
years. He moved to Chatham in 1910 and opened a shop in Mishmore's Bldg on Passaic Ave.

Previous experience:

How did you come to Chatham:

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local Color?

en moved to North Passaic Ave. in Kelly's Bldg and then moved to Main St. In Kelly's Bldg he was one of three shops at the time.
Name of Company: THE "ATLANTIC" GROUP composed of Atlantic Builder's Supply - Atlantic Service - Atlantic Coast Distributors - Atlantic Drywall.
Address: 100 Summit Avenue
Chatham, N. J.
Date established in Chatham: 1938
Officers and Titles: W. Rau, President

Number of employees: 50


Previous experience: Marine Engineer. Field experience in developing application and product use techniques on Empire State Building.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Walked railroad tracks looking for railroad warehouse.

Did you buy business or establish it? Established it.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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History of the Company in Chatham:
Suppliers to building trade 1938 thru 1941 -
Special services of material processing for
Armed Services 1942 thru Fall 1946 -
Return to normal material suppliers operation
Fall of 1946
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Industry in Chatham

Name of Company: Atlantic Service Corp.
Address: 100 Summit Avenue
Date established in Chatham: 1938
Officers and Titles: W. Rau, President

Products or Services offered:
Thermal insulation
Acoustical insulation
Design and application
Sound control
Field development and processing
new building materials and application

Number of Employees: 20

Brief History of the Company in Chatham:
Pioneer in insulation, sound control, new material development and application techniques for civilian uses 1938 thru 1941 -
For domestic and foreign armed services 1942 thru fall of 1946
Return to civilian operations Fall 1946
Name of company: Raymond F. Brink
Address: 59 Hedges Ave, Chatham, N.J.
Date established in Chatham: June, 1961
Officers and titles:
   Raymond F. Brink - owner

Products or services offered: Roofing - Carpentry
Number of employees: —

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:
   In trade 17 years - with Partlow & Brown 6 years
   before starting his own business

How did you happen to come to Chatham?
   Born in Chatham

Did you buy your business or establish it? Established it.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers?

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Name of Company: W.T. Broune Co
Address: 50 Commercial St
Date established in Chatham: June 1st 1957
Officers and Titles: William T. Broune owner

Products or Services offered: Millwork & Cabinet work
Number of employees: 0

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: Tradesman since 1942

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Employed in Chatham and finally entered business here

Did you buy business or establish it? Established

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? Rode in Westfield and rode to Chatham on occasion on my bicycle 1918 to 1920

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: The Bucket Elevator Company

Address: 24 Commerce St, Chatham, N.J.

Date Established in Chatham: 1963

Officers and Titles: John T. Collins - Pres.

John S. Adey, Jr. V.P. & Trans.

Mrs. C. G. Swain - Secretary

Products or Services offered:

Conveyors - Machinery for moving and treating materials in bulk form.

Number of employees: Ten (10)
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Industry in Chatham

Name of Company: Electra Coal & Chemical Co., Inc.
Address: 205 Main St. P.O. Box 254
Date established in Chatham: March, 1961

Officers and Titles: Mr. James H. Kennedy, President
Mr. Kenneth M. Decker, Vice President
Mr. Robert Hutchinson, Secretary Treasurer

Products or Services offered: Coal and its by-products

Number of Employees: Five

Brief History of the Company in Chatham:

Please mail to C. W. S. Singleton
253 Falmouth Ave.,
Chatham, N. J.

NB 5-9573
Name of Company: Ralph C. Ford, Contractor and Builder.
Address: 43 Center St.
Date established in Chatham: 1930
Officers and Titles: As Above

Products or Services offered: Complete Maintenance and Repairs

Number of employees: Self.

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
Homes and Buildings Constructed, older Homes Renovated and improved.

Previous experience: A Year Apprenticeship with Local Contractor
Many years with Large Construction Companies

How did you happen to come to Chatham:
Born in Chatham 1902. 13 Lum Avenue.

Did you buy business or establish it? Established it.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?
Bill Lindeman And I were pouring a concrete porch, Heard a Squeal, turned around and saw the tip of the Customers Dachshund's nose, only, Sticking out of soft cement. One more Second and we would have never missed him. We dug him out, hosed him off and he was fine.

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Name: KANE CONTRACT COMPANY
Address: 34 Hillside Ave.
Date established in Chatham: 1963
Officers and titles:
  Vincent J. Kane - Owner, President
Products or services offered: Roofing, Siding, Gutters, Painting
Number of employees: Varies - generally 3 out
Brief history of the company in Chatham: Started by advertising in local newspapers, later through Yellow pages. Much business gained by word of mouth. Previous experience: Advertising at reference.
Several years with other Roofing Company.
How did you happen to come to Chatham?
Ideal Suburban Community -
Did you buy your business or establish it? ESTABLISHED IT
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No
Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers:

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Name of company: Lissy & Son
Address: 42 Maple St.
Date established in Chatham: 1952
Officers and titles: Paul Lissy Sr. and Andrew Lissy
Products or services offered: Home Builders

Number of employees: 80-100 full time - large number of sub contractors

Brief history of the company in Chatham: We built 50 houses in Chatham and developed three streets.

Previous experiences: We were housing contractors also one at New York Ave.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? As housing contractors we worked here five years before.

Did you buy your business or establish it? Established it.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers?

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T. OMLI
Building Contractor and Developer of Fine Homes
12 BROADVIEW TERRACE - CHATHAM, N. J.

Name of company: T. Omli Building Contractor
Address: 12 Broadview Terrace, Chatham, N. J.
Date established in Chatham: 1939
Officers and titles: T. Omli - owner
Products or services offered: Construction of Custom Built Homes
Number of employees: 5 to 25

Brief history of company in Chatham: The company has built about 200 homes in the Chatham area over the past 30 years. Some of the areas developed include Fairfax Terrace, Lincoln Avenue, Oak Drive, and Runnymede Rd., the former Long Hill Chapel located on the corner of Fairmont Avenue and Southern Boulevard was built in 1951.

Previous experience: Mr. Omli came to the United States from Norway in 1925. Settling in Orange he worked as a carpenter, starting his own business in 1934. Until moving to Chatham in 1939, he built homes in the Maplewood and Shorhills area.

How did you happen to come to Chatham: Because so many prospective customers seemed to be interested in the Chatham area, Mr. Omli moved his place of business to Chatham in 1935.

Did you buy your business or establish it: Established own business

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham: When first moving to this area, Chatham was very much a rural community. Since that time, new development has brought to Chatham many changes in schools, shopping areas and business enterprises. These have all added to make Chatham one of the most desirable communities in New Jersey.

Interesting Anecdotes or experiences: Our last 30 years, it has been our pleasure to build for such people as:
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Lum Sr., one of the earliest Chatham residents
Mr. and Mrs. James Christian, former Chatham Trust Co., Executive
Mr. and Mrs. G. Kimball Coleman, Realtor and among Chathams most prominent citizens.
Name of Company: Partlon & Brown Inc.
Address: 37 Commerce St., Chatham
Date established in Chatham: 1960
Officers and Titles:
Harold Partlon, Pres.
Kathleen Partlon, V. Pres.
Carl Frank, Treas.
Products or Services offered: General Contractors in Remodeling & Commercial
Number of employees: 8

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
Started with Ted Brown who was born in Chatham.

Previous experience: Union Carpenter 2 years of College

How did you happen to come to Chatham? My wife lived here for 30 years

Did you buy business or establish it? Established.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?
Not before 1946

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: Rockley Hill Co.
Address: 407 Main St.
Date established in Chatham: 1944
Officers and Titles: Alexander Caplan Pres., Henry V.P.
Products or Services offered: Developers, Builders.
Number of employees: 9
Brief history of the company in Chatham: Bought Dr. Krause's Hotel and used it as office and headquarters until recently Dr. Krause maintained office there. Does not do own contracting any longer, but sub-contracts them functions.
Previous experience: Kaplan had built several homes in Madison - in tallow - developed Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? Rockley Hill - a large tract owned by the Axt family - all in the upper brackets - $4600 and up. 
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Address: 23 Elmo Avenue

Date established in Chatham: 1950

Officers and titles: Chester Spring, President; Mary Spring, Secretary-Treasurer

Products or services offered: General Contracting, Roofing, Carpentry, Painting

Number of employees: 3

Brief history of the company in Chatham: After working in the area for several yrs., and traveling to various cities, I purchased a house at 61 River Rd., which needed many repairs. We lived there 10 yrs. I built a new home at 58 Lafayette Ave. in 1962. Our home was burned in June 1963, and we moved in 1967 and purchased present home (on Forest Stream).

Previous experience: Foreman, Yellow Gargo, and employed by Bathsheba St. Clive during World War II.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Established.

Did you buy your business or establish it? Established.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? Yes, after inspecting a home for a friend in town, a car broke in half causing us to look for a new home. We found this house and have lived here ever since. As a result, I was a member of the old Rogers House in Westfield, Mass.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers: A few it seems, and many wonderful.

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Name of Company: 
Address: 
Date established in Chatham: Sep. 1925 
Officers and Titles: Fred. Walter, Jr. Proprietor 
Products or Services offered: Building materials, paint, garden supplies and hardware 
Number of employees: 14 
Brief history of the company in Chatham: Established by Fred, Jr. and another original operator on Rumi Road with tone stores later sold to Chatham Hardware & Paint 

Previous experience: 

How did you happen to come to Chatham? 

Did you buy business or establish it? 

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? 

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color? 

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Name of Company: Van Sant + Zunser

Address: 28 Perry Road, Chatham

Date established in Chatham: July 1, 1964

Officers and Titles: President - W. Carey Van Sant
                        Vice Pres - Clyde de Zunser
                        Sec-Tre - Virginia Zunser

Products or Services offered: Residential Remodeling

Number of employees: 8

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

W. Carey Van Sant started remodeling business and new home construction in Chatham during the '30's. In 1950, David Van Sant joined Carey Van Sant and the name was changed to Van Sant Bros. Today, the brothers have retired and the business continues as a corporation.

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it? Business was purchased by Clyde de Zunser from Van Sant Bros.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Business Questionnaire

c/o MR. EDWIN H. STRATFORD
161 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE
CHATHAM, NEW JERSEY

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Name and address
Mario J. Mariani

Date established in Chatham
1955

Officers and Titles:

Products or services offered: Antique Restoring, Buying & Selling

Number of employees: 2

Brief history of the Company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy your business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers.

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Name of Company: Pleasant Way Upholstery
Address: 60 Main St.
Date established in Chatham: 1950
Officers and Titles: Gil Badolato, Prop.
Products or Services offered: Upholstery
Number of employees: 
Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham:

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local Color?

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Name of Company: A. Rahmolt
Address: 7 N. Passaic
Date established in Chatham: 1930
Officers and Titles: A. Rahmolt, Prof.

Products or Services offered: Upholsterer & Fabrics

Number of employees:

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham:

Did you buy business or establish it?

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Name of company: WM. A. BRADLEY & SON, FUNERAL DIRECTORS
Address: 345 MAIN ST., CHATHAM, N. J.
Date established in Chatham: 1943
Officers and titles: WILLIAM A. BRADLEY, PRES.
                      RICHARD R. BRADLEY, V. P.
                      MIRIAM Y. BRADLEY, SEC. & TRES.

Products or services offered:
Number of employees: 3

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
Established in 1943 by WM. & MIRIAM BRADLEY.

Previous experience:
Prof. school at General Theological Seminary, N.Y.C., 1931-34.
Prepared at R.P. Moore’s Funeral Home, 1931-34.

How did you happen to come to Chatham?
Came from W. W. Marlenee’s Funeral Home 1931, was associated with that
funeral home until 1943.

Did you buy your business or establish it?
Established.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers?

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Name of Company: William G. Bradley - Funeral Director

Address: 345 Main St, Chatham, MA

Date established in Chatham: July 1, 1943

Officers and Titles:
- William G. Bradley - President
- Richard R. - Vice President

Products or Services offered: Funeral Home and Professional Service

Number of employees: 1

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
- Came to Chatham May 1, 1935 on recommendation of friend.
- Worked as an apprentice and then became Funeral Director for R.P. Mason Funeral Home.

Previous experience:
- Worked as an apprentice and then became Funeral Director for R.P. Mason Funeral Home.

How did you happen to come to Chatham?
- Recommendation of friend.

Did you buy business or establish it?
- Established my own.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?
- Only to 1935

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: The Fair Mount Cemetery

Address: 233 Hillside Avenue, Chatham, N.J.

Date established in Chatham: 1859

Officers and Titles: John N. May Jr. President
Frank W. Olive Vice-President
Stephen R. Brown Secretary
Robert G. Huntington Jr. Treasurer
Arthur L. Harvey Superintendent

Products or Services offered: Cemetery

Number of employees: 7 in summer 3 in winter

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: The Warren E. Patten Funeral Home

Address: 293 Main Street, Chatham, New Jersey

Date established in Chatham: Came to Chatham in July 1943

Officers and Titles: Warren E. Patten, Owner

Products or Services offered: Funeral service

Number of employees:

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Business was established by Lewis W. Martenis in 1909. Mr. Martenis continued business until I purchased it in July 1943.

Previous experience: I served my apprenticeship in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Passed the State Board examination and granted a license in September 1924. Managed a business in Plainfield for 14 Years before coming to Chatham.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Wanted a business in a small community where I could give more personal service to those in need.

Did you buy business or establish it? Purchased business

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: Chatham Cleaners
Address: 260 main St.
Date established in Chatham: 1935
Officers and Titles: Sam McLeod, Proprietor
Products or Services offered: Dry cleaning, tailoring, furriers
Number of employees: 1
Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Purchased business from a friend

Did you buy business or establish it?

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Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: Colony Cleaners

Address: approx 50 years-

Date established in Chatham: Roscoe Tolman, Prop.

Officers and Titles: Tollers Cleaning

Products or Services offered: Tollers Cleaning

Number of employees: Tollers Cleaning

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Bought company from Victor Rossy - worked for presque 10 years. Then moved back to New York, started business there. Bought @ $500.00 in 1922

Previous experience: Worked 35 yrs in the business - Patterson N.J.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Living in Morristown & obtained employment in Chatham.

Did you buy business or establish it? Yes.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color? Quite negro business owner and have had pleasant and mix receptively customers to predominantly white clientele.

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Main Street, Chatham, 1848

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Where Sunshine Reigns Supreme
27-31 SUMMIT AVENUE
Summit, N.J.

Corby's Enterprise Laundry, Inc.
Home Office: 27 Summit Avenue
Summit, New Jersey

Branch Store: 453 Main Street
Chatham

Richard L. Corby, Jr., President

Services offered: Laundry, Dry Cleaning, Rug Cleaning
Fur Storage

Number of Employees: 175 in Main Plant. 2 in Chatham Store

Have served Chatham area since 1899. Established Chatham
Store in 1965

Original business established in Summit. Chatham Store was
purchased from Prompt Cleaners in 1965

*C.T. Corby & Son*

A LAUNDRY SERVICE TO MEET EVERY HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENT
CLEANERS AND DYERS —

LAUNDRY
Women today; their conflicts, their frustrations and their fulfillments.
1953.

37951 Bobbs 4.00 Roemer 2.80 June 1953.
For:
Bill Mulligan
The committee regrets that this material was received too late to be included in the book.

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MAIN ST. CHATHAM, 1845

Name of company: More's Complete Laundry Service
Address: 11 S. Pacific Ave, Chatham NJ
Date established in Chatham: Summer of 1957
Officers and titles: Mr. Kenneth More, Mrs. Kenneth More (Karen)
Products or services offered: Complete Laundry Service
Number of employees: Parents, 2, children, 2

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
They came from NYC after having had a laundry in Wallingford, later in Westfield. Mr. More arrived in Westfield from NYC.

Previous experiences:
Above Street, Orange, in Freehold, NJ. Mr. More married
Mr. More while in Westfield, in Canton, China.

How did you happen to come to Chatham:
They were looking for a business, when an friend uncle in New Jersey brought them to Chatham.

Did you buy your business or establish it? Bought it

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers:

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TERCENTENARY HISTORY OF CHATHAM
SPONSORED BY THE CHATHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Date established in Chatham:

Officers and Titles:

Products or Services offered:

Number of employees:

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham:

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local Color?

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Name of Company: Chatham Department Store
Address: 30 Main St
Date Established in Chatham: March 15, 1930
Officers and Titles: Irving Marks - Owner
Products or services offered: Sells men's, women's, boys', girls' and infants' clothing.
Number of employees: Seven
How did you happen to come to Chatham: Mr. Marks was in the wholesale business and traveled. He liked Chatham and opened business here.
Did you buy business or establish it: Established
TERCENTENARY HISTORY OF CHATHAM
SPONSORED BY THE CHATHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Name of Company: Main Fabric Shop
Address: 265 Main St. Chatham, NY
Date established in Chatham: 1949
Officers and Titles: Mary DeNapoli, owner

Products or Services offered: fabric, patterns, notions
Number of employees: 1

Brief history of the company in Chatham: My husband and I started the shop at Main St. in 1949. We were there for seven years then moved to our present location, because we felt it was the best side of the street and a better location. And later, Mr. DeNapoli passed away in 1959.

Previous experience: We had a shop in Montclair, NJ called Mary Dee Fabric Shop, established in 1937.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? We like a small town and Chatham didn't have a fabric shop.

Did you buy business or establish it? Established it.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers?: Local Color?

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Name of Company: WEBSTER DANCE STUDIOS INC.

Address: 6 SOUTH PASSaic AVE

Date established in Chatham: APRIL 15, 1967

Officers and titles: GORDON J. WEBSTER, PRESIDENT & TREASURER, PATRICIA WEBSTER, VICE PRES & SEC

Products or services offered: INSTRUCTION IN BALLROOM DANCING & SOCIAL DANCES, FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN.

Number of employees: __

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham? WE LIVED IN THE TOWNSHIP & WERE LOOKING FOR PROPERTIES WHEN MR. PATTERSON ADOPTED HIS PREMISES & WE TOOK A LOOK & LIKED WHAT WE SAW & OPENED FOR BUSINESS.

Did you buy your business or establish it? WE ESTABLISHED IT.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? I am sorry, I cannot contribute more than what we are used to make contact with local people.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers?

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DENTISTS
Name of Company: **DR FRANCIS R. DE PAOLA**

Address:

Date established in Chatham: **Nov 12, 1964**

Officers and Titles:

- **Dentist**

Products or Services offered:

Number of employees: 3

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Took over practice of Dr. Frederick H. Lum, M.D., who retired

Previous experience: 8 years as Dental Officer in U.S. Air Force

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name: Dr. Jack A. Donley
Address: 412 Main Street, Chatham, New Jersey
Date established in Chatham: May 1964
Officers and titles:
Products or Services offered: Orthodontics

Number of employees: One

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Just happened to like it.
Did you buy your business or establish it? Established it.
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

No

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers:

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Name of Company: DR. F. F. Wood
Address: 90 FAIRMOUNT AVE.
Date established in Chatham: 1950
Officers and Titles:

Products or Services offered: DENTISTRY

Number of employees: 2

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

PART TIME PRACTICE AT 5 CLAIRE STREET 1950-1951
LOCATED AT PRESENT ADDRESS 1951

Previous experience: ROYALTON N.Y. 1934-1941 - U.S. NAVY 1941-1946
630 FIFTH AVE 1946-1951

How did you happen to come to Chatham? MOVED FROM EAST ORANGE 1948 - COMMUTED TO N.Y.C.

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

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DRIVEWAYS
Name of Company: W. R. CONKLIN PAVING & LANDSCAPING
Address: 51 SUMMIT AVE, CHATHAM N.J.
Date established in Chatham: 1936
Officers and Titles: WESLEY R. CONKLIN JR. OWNER
Products or Services offered: PAVING OF DRIVEWAYS AND LANDSCAPING
Number of employees: NONE
Brief history of the company in Chatham: ESTABLISHED AT 544 MAIN ST IN 1936 AS LANDSCAPING, IN 1945 ENTERED PAVING AND END OF IT IN 1945. AFTER RETURN FROM ARMY AIR FORCE, SINCE THEN HAVE CONTINUED BOTH OPERATIONS.
Previous experience: RUTGERS SCHOOL OF HORTICULTURE
How did you happen to come to Chatham? BORN HERE
Did you buy business or establish it? ESTABLISH IT.
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: NICHOLAS GRACE & SONS INC.

Address: 206 CENTRAL AVE, MURRAY HILL

Date established in Chatham: 1930

Officers and Titles: NICHOLAS GRACE JR. PRES
J. CALITELLE SEC.
NICHOLAS GRACE JR. V. P.

Products or Services offered: PAVING

Number of employees: 6

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? TROLLEY CARS

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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ELECTRIC CONTRACTORS — SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT
Name of Company: AMERICAN ULTRAVIOLET CO.
Address: 30 Commerce St.
Date established in Chatham: Jan, 1960
Officers and Titles: H. O. Stines, Pres.
                      J. B. Stines, V.P.
Products or Services offered: Ultraviolet Equipment, Lamps, Fixtures
                              Germicidal & Blacklight
Number of employees: 7
Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: Formerly V.P. Atlantic Ultraviolet Corp.
                    Long Island City, NJ
How did you happen to come to Chatham? Factory available; Reside in Chatham Township
Did you buy business or establish it? Yes Established it
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?
Primary sales are out of town, on National and International basis.

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Name of Company: Blackady Co.
Address: 28 Commerce St.
Date established in Chatham: 1951
Officers and Titles:
Peter G. Bjelena, Pres.
Henry J. Blano, V.P.
Products or Services offered:
Residential and Industrial Electrical Contracting & Repairs
Number of employees: 15

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
Established this business. Mr. Bjelena was plant engineer. Came to Chatham to go into this business.

Previous experience: 

How did you happen to come to Chatham? ✔

Did you buy business or establish it? ✔ Establish

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of company: **CHATHAM ELECTRIC**
Address: **16 Girard Ave.**
Date established in Chatham: **1959**
Officers and titles: **BRUCE BODEN, WILLIAM BODEN, MARYANNE BODEN**

Products or services offered:
- Electrical Engineering
- Air Conditioning Systems
- General Wiring Systems

Number of employees: **Two**

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy your business or establish it?

Did you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers?

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Name: Kane Electric & Maintenance Co.
Address: 37 Commerce Street
Date established in Chatham: 1941
Officers and titles: James V. Kane, Owner

Products or services offered: Electrical Contractor
Number of employees: 3

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Started business on part time basis, while working for the Braecker Manufacturing Co., as Tool Maker and Plant Foreman, during World War II.

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham? First came to Chatham in 1932, to work in Diner on Main Street, owned by my father.

Did you buy your business or establish it? Established own business.

Do you have personal reminiscences of old Chatham? Although a native of Summit, I have worked and/or been in business in Chatham over 35 years.

Interesting experiences or anecdotes:

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FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
Name of Company: CHATHAM SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION

Address: 227 MAIN ST.

Date established in Chatham: JAN 20, 1908

Officers and Titles: STEPHEN R. BROWN, PRES.
                      GEORGE H. AKER, V.P.
                      ROBERT G. HUNT, JR., EXEC. V.P.
                      RAY KLUGE, SECY.
                      FREDERICK W. WRIGHT, TREAS.

Products or Services offered: SAVINGS & HOME FINANCING

Number of employees: 2

Brief history of the company in Chatham: (SEE HISTORY PREPARED BY STEPHEN R. BROWN)

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it?

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FLOOR COVERING
Name of Company: CHATHAM FLOOR COVERING CO.

Address: 242 Main St., Chatham 07928.

Date established in Chatham: app. 1946

Officers and Titles: Privately owned by Antoinette D'Bernardo and Isadore D'Bernardo.

Products or Services offered: Floor Covering.

Number of employees: 3

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Floor covering.

Previous experience: 10 years

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Recommended by Chamber of Commerce

Did you buy business or establish it? Established ourselves

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? None...formerly on Plainfield, n.j.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Mostly contractors as clients.

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Name of Company: B. Shehadi & Sons Inc.

Address: 440 Main St, Chatham

Date established in Chatham: 1958

Officers and Titles:
Pres. Mr. F. Shehadi Sr.
Erwin S. Martin - Manager Chatham Store

Products or Services offered:
Oriental Rugs (New and used)
Well-to-Well Carpet and Rugs -
Complete Service Dept. (Rug cleaning and repairs)

Number of employees: 44

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: Main show rm. and cleaning plant in East Orange for appx. 20 yrs.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Established

Did you buy business or establish it? Established

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: Herman Bym Donor Co.
Address: 76 Main St.
Date established in Chatham: 1961
Officers and Titles: Frederick H. Brownell III

Products or Services offered:

Number of employees:

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Purchased March 1, 1967 from Dorothy E. previous owner.

Previous experience: Worked here over 41 years.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Life long resident.

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Company: Florida by Darshby
Address: 76 Main St

Date established in Chatham: Aug 1, 1961

Officers and Titles:
Owner-Mrs. Joseph Cardone

Products or Services offered:

Number of employees: 7

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: Manager of Rezicka Flower Shop
A part of Joe J. Rezicka Co.

How did you happen to come to Chatham: I like this area because
my customers were from that direction
and they gave a Central location

Did you buy business or establish it? Established

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local Color?

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Name of Company: Sunnywood Flower Shop Inc
Address: 7 South Passaic Ave
Date established in Chatham: October 31, 1955
Officers and Titles: Emma L. Burns, Ward Apple, Pres,
Charlotte L. Burns, Ryan, Sec-Treas

Products or Services offered:
Flowers for every important occasion and everyday enjoyment

Number of employees:

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
Working hard to give everyone the prettiest in their flowers

 Previous experience:
Designing in shops from New England to Florida
International designating - college seminars - National Florist Telegraph

Did you have business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?
Visiting Stanley Congregational Church Fellowship Wednesday.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color? Muslim before the wedding party
really go down the scale, no flowers, they have been left at home. The florist jumps
for joy, racing against time. Get them back to the church before the first
service, rule by the organist, that the procession has started.

Early wedding customers, in the shop for flowers 7:30, married at 7:45.

Basket price for the darlings, greens & white flowers & roses, while
vowns designed around lovely local antiques for Thanksgiving, other holidays

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FOOD AND BEVERAGES
Name of Company: Acme Markets
Address: 455 Main St.
Date established in Chatham: 
Officers and Titles: Chas. Guercio, mgr.

Products or Services offered: National Food Chain
Complete Food Operation and Cafe. It's most successful.

Number of employees: 35

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: Charley's Hunt
Address: 8-10 South Passaic Ave.
Date established in Chatham: Sept 8, 1966
Products or Services offered: Food, Cocktail Lounge - Food & Beverages
Number of employees:

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: 30 yrs. Hotel, Club, & Restaurant Field

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Like it

Did you buy business or establish it? Bought License & Established Business

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: Chatham Date Shop
Address: 
Date established in Chatham: About 160 years ago
Officers and Titles: FRANK SCHNEIDER, Prop.
Products or Services offered: Pastries, Bread, Holiday Cakes, Cookies
Number of employees: 8 - Full or part time.
Brief history of the company in Chatham: Purchased business 1946 in partnership with Christian Zitter, whose widow still is employed there. He purchased his interest after his death.

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it?

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Name of Company: CHATHAM DELI & LIQUOR INC.

Address: 253 MAIN ST.

Date established in Chatham: SEPT. 12 - 1949

Officers and Titles: ANTHONY T. KIZIOLEK
                    HENRY FLUCIEK

Products or Services offered: DELICATESSEN - LIQUORS

Number of employees: 5

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
This business was established approx. 30 yrs.
1960 by MR. CARRAS-KYPIROS

Previous experience: WORLD WAR II VETERANS

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it? BOUGHT FROM MR. KYPIROS

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Would like very much to be a resident, enjoy serving the people of Chatham - nice people.
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Name of Company: CHATHAM SWEET SHOP

Address: 252 MAIN ST

Date established in Chatham: 1930

Officers and Titles: ARTHUR GENTILE, OWNER

Products or Services offered: LUNCH FOR CREAM CANDY

Number of employees: 3

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
SOLD BUSINESS IN 1955
CAME BACK IN 1962

Previous experience: CHATHAM DELI

How did you happen to come to Chatham? BABY 10 MONTHS OLD

Did you buy business or establish it? BUY

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? TROLLEY CARS

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: Helen Elliott Candy

Address: 100 Main St.

Date established in Chatham: 1957

Officers and Titles: Helen Elliott Pres., Rose Elliott Secy.

Products or Services offered: Retail candies

Number of employees: 4

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Company based in Plainfield, established a store here because they believed this area offered good opportunity.

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

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Name of Company: Falls & Cahalan, Inc.
Address: 231 Main Street
Date established in Chatham: July 5th, 1965
Officers and Titles:
Leo F. Cahalan, Jr., Pres.
Anna C. Cahalan, V. Pres.
Gertrude Fessler, Sec'y.
Products or Services offered: Retail - Prime Meats & Fancy Poultry
Number of employees: Four
Brief history of the company in Chatham:
Moved an established business from Newark, to Chatham when Al's Market was available.

Previous experience: Managed Falls & Cahalan, Inc. in Newark for 15 years. Business was established in 1926.
How did you happen to come to Chatham? Business opportunity available.
Did you buy business or establish it? Purchased business.
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?
Have kept many of the customers from Al's Market, and many customers that had moved away from Newark and into the Chatham area have welcomed us warmly and are happy to see Falls & Cahalan, Inc. in the suburbs. We have found Chatham to be a very friendly town and everyone is so pleasant to serve.

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Name of Company: Fannie Farmer Candies
Address: 231 ½ Main St.
Date established in Chatham: 1964
Officers and Titles: Joseph J. Boyajan
Products or Services offered: Fannie Farmer Candies - gourmet coins, paper novelties
Number of employees: 2
Brief history of the company in Chatham: Franchise operation from Fanny Farmer

Previous experience: In Madison operated cleaning plant & retired - daughter lived in Chatham - wanted to open a business of this kind to keep busy

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

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Name: THE FOUNTAIN
Address: 233 MAIN ST.
Date established in Chatham: 1953
Officers and titles: EDWARD F & THERESA SPEIKER

Products or services offered:
SODA FOUNTAIN & LUNCHEONETTE

Number of employees: 2

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:
SALESMAN ARMOUR CO. 1934-1942
ASS'T PURCHASING AGENT MONROE CAL. MACHINERY 1951

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy the business or establish it? BOUGHT IT.

Do you have personal reminiscences of Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers.

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Name of Company: Good Deal
Address: 393 Main St.
Date established in Chatham: Apr. 1957
Officers and titles: T. Gallock, manager

Products or Services offered: Foods and meats

Number of employees: Approx. 25 full & part time

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Purchased store from E. Holt, Trip Berhell, previous owner, N.J. chain consisting of 10 stores and warehouse. Total employees approx. 1300.

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: The Great A & P Tea Co.
Address: 247 Main St.
Date established in Chatham: 
Officers and Titles: Col. Banelmay - Mgr.
Products or Services offered: Material, food chain, plus liquors.
Number of employees: 14 full, 3 part-time
Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it?

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Name of Company: Edward B. Green - (Dist. - Weish Farms)
Address: 339 Main St., Chatham
Date established in Chatham: Jan. 1, 1946
Officers and Titles: Edw. Green - (Owner)

Products or Services offered: Home Delivery - Dairy Products

Number of employees: Two

Brief history of the company in Chatham: I was born in Chatham, have lived here 53 years - started in milk business after leaving U.S. Navy in 1945

Previous experience: Brodhusch Farms

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Born here

Did you buy business or establish it? Bought small route

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? Yes indeed. Cows were kept one block from center of town, and were driven to pasture across again St. at Passaic Ave. A few families had a cow and sold milk to neighbors.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color? Best people and best town in state of N.J. - all are understanding and easy to get along with. Good neighbors

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Name of company: MAINMAST LUNCHEONETTE
Address: 252 MAIN ST.
Date established in Chatham: JAN. 21, 1952
Officers and titles: John Slezak, Owner

Products or services offered: LUNCH, SODA, ICE CREAM, CANDY

Number of employees: 2 plus self

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham: I LIKE CHATHAM VERY MUCH

Did you buy your business or establish it? BOUGHT BANKRUPT BUSINESS

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? Used to live in Lesser Grove at the old town dump. Also skated there in the winter time. Also used Mattayunk for skating. Slept half at Stanley Hotel.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Concerning the children of the children who grew up on the Mainmast

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Name of Company: *MANOR FOOD MARKET*

Address: *434 MAIN ST, CHATHAM NEW JERSEY*

Date established in Chatham: JULY 1ST - 1949

Officers and Titles: [Albert Tribulo, owners]

Products or Services offered: *FANCY FOOD*

Number of employees: **THREE**

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

*Never knew of Chatham. Was coming to Summit knew of Morristown. But never was in Chatham until the summer of 1948. When we got to Chatham we liked it right at first sight.*

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it? — ESTABLISH

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? NO

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

*VERY FINE CLASS OF PEOPLE TO DO BUSINESS WITH.*

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*Mr. Stratford, give me a ring at your convenience. 635-9771. Maybe I can tell you better how we got to Chatham.*
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Name of Company: CROSS KEYS INN, INC T/A MOTHER'S PANTRY

Address: 275 MAIN ST. CHATHAM

Date established in Chatham: 1952

Officers and Titles: JAMES FAFOURIS MRS. DISSIPONI, FAFOURIS SEC/TE

Products or Services offered: RESTAURANT

Number of employees: 7

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it? PURCHASE

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? NONE

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company:  M.V. Patterson, Inc.
Address:  245 Main St
Date established in Chatham:  Circa 1932
Officers and Titles:  Pres. H.S. Patterson, V.P. Frank E. Patterson
Products or Services offered:  Liquors, Papers, Cigars, etc.
Number of employees:  8

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1932 AND HAD ITS LOCATION AT 235 MAIN ST NOW HOUSING THE CHATHAM FLOOR COVERING. STARTED IN 1932 WITH JUST PAPERS, TOYS, CIGARS, CIGARETTE BOX, IN 1939 WERE ISSUED THE FIRST LIQUOR LICenses. FRANK PATTERSON

Previous experience:  STARTED MANAGING THE STORE FOR HIS FAMILY IN 1956 AFTER GRADUATING FROM COLGATE IN 1955.

How did you happen to come to Chatham?  My father came to Chatham after having the same type of store in Madison, DeRutte. Were there any good friends or men and women about the opportunity  of potential Chatham center land for business here decided to move in 1932 after two years in Madison. The move has certainly paid off for the Patterson family and we hope the people of Chatham will continue to patronize the old establishment.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers?  Local color?

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PATTERSON'S UNITED CIGAR STORE

It is my hope this brief resume of Mr. Patterson's business in Chatham during the past 41 years will be helpful to you. It is as accurate as my memory allows.

In the fall of 1924, he opened a United Cigar Agency store in the building now occupied by the Chatham Flooring Company. His stock consisted of smoker's supplies, papers, magazines and stationery. This followed his five years in a like business in Madison, N. J. known as O'Donnell and Patterson United Cigar Agency.

Within 18 months he moved to the present location on opposite side of Main Street, to the then well-known Wolfe Building owned by Dr. William Wolfe of Chatham, a highly regarded family physician. Little or no changes were made to the buildings except for face changes to Patterson's and the Great Atlantic and Pacific store. Rear buildings remained as they were well-known landmarks though modernization is being planned for the near future. The business rapidly grew though encountered few changes. A soda fountain was added. Ice cream and other daily needs were available to meet the daily needs of towns folks. Following prohibition appeal the last liquor package store license was purchased by Helen S. wife of Maurice V. Patterson, Frank J. Patterson, son of Maurice and Helen became actively interested in the fast growing popular store's business following his graduation from Colgate in 1955. This was but six months before his father's death. He is presently General Manager of the now Patterson Inc. business, residing on Duchamp Place with his wife and three children.

The Patterson family, two daughters and a son were educated in Chatham schools and actively participated in all community programs. To the great satisfaction of their parents, they found many hours to be helpful in the store.

The congeniality of the family made many lasting friendships for them all.

April 1965 name changed to Patterson's Liquor Store - a corporation M. V. Patterson, Inc.

(Mrs.) Helen S. Patterson
Madison Ave.
Convent, N. J.

August 24, 1965
Name of Company: William Pitt

Address: 49 MAIN ST

Date established in Chatham: Feb 22, 1933 — We took over 4/19/66

Officers and Titles:
- E. Oliver Natunen Pres.
- Ellis C. Natunen Sec.
- Shirley M. —
- C. Oliver Jr. — V.P. Admin.

Products or Services offered:
- Food and Beverages
- Party, Banquet and Meeting Facilities

Number of employees: 50

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: Retired from Hot Springs after 25 years. Prior experience in Banking and Aircraft Catering.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? I lived in New Port 23 yrs. prior to Chatham.

Did you buy business or establish it? Purchased

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? Yes

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?
- Continuing with our crew, many with over 30 years at the Pitt.

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161 Fairmount Avenue
Chatham, New Jersey

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MAIN STREET, CHATHAM, 1826

NAME: Sunnyvale Delicatessen
ADDRESS: 174 Main Street
Date established in Chatham: 1926

Officers and titles:
Vincent & Marie Kunkel Prop.

Products or services offered:
Lunch, meat, homemade salad, sandwich specialties

Number of employees: None

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
Always been a delicatessen since built.

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

To buy this business
Did you buy the business or establish it? Bought it.

Do you have personal reminiscences of Chatham?
Yes - as a child, driving through to Lake Hopatcong

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers:

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HARDWARE AND PAINT
Name of Company: F D. Alberti Hardware Inc.
Address: 451 Mound St., Chatham NY
Date established in Chatham: January 24, 1962
Officers and Titles: Thomas J. Alberti, President
J.T. Alberti, Vice President
Mr. J.T. Alberti, Secretary
Products or Services offered: Hardware
Number of employees: One

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Established here 16 yrs. Very requestable

Previous experience: 23 yrs in Hardware business previous Bernville

How did you happen to come to Chatham? To buy Alberti Hardware store

Did you buy business or establish it? Bought business

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? None

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color? To help customers

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Name of Company: Chatham Hardware & Paint Co.
Address: 10 Fairmont Rd. (now Sunnybrook Rd.)
Date established in Chatham: 15 years
Officers and Titles:
Roger Corrill, Asst. Manager
Robert Dickins, Owner
Products or Services offered: Paint, hardware goods, hardware
Number of employees: 3 total
Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Purchased from Walters who had established this as a "Town Store".

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it?

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Name of Company: HAREWICH HARDWARE
Address: 223 MAIN ST
Date established in Chatham: APRIL 19 - 1924
Officers and Titles: LEON R. HAREWICH OWNER

Products or Services offered: HARDWARE - PAINTS - FERTILIZERS

Number of employees: 1 AT PRESENT

Brief history of the company in Chatham: JUST A RETAIL SERVICE BUSINESS. AT PRESENT THE OLDEST PRIVATE STORE BUSINESS IN CHATHAM, N.J.

Previous experience: NONE

how did you happen to come to Chatham? LIKED A SMALL COUNTRY TOWN

Did you buy business or establish it? ESTABLISHED

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?
MATCHED CHATHAM GROW FROM ABOUT 900 PEOPLE IN 1724 TO ABOUT 10,000 IN 1907

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: The Sherwin-Williams Company

Address: 240 Main Street

Date established in Chatham: December 1960

Officers and Titles:
- George H. Courter, Jr., Manager
- Michael J. Liscio, Jr., Credit Manager
- Susan A. Pohlman, Ass. Credit Manager

Products or Services offered:
- Paint, Wallpaper, Paint Equipment, Custom Mixing, Tools, Painting Equip.

Number of employees: 3 (three)

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

This branch of the Sherwin-Williams Co. is one of over 1700 branches across the United States.

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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SWANSON'S HARDWARE LOCATED AT 254 MAIN STREET, CHATHAM, NEW JERSEY.

OWNER MARTIN SWANSON RESIDING AT 3 PLYMOUTH ROAD, CHATHAM TOWNSHIP.

STORE WAS PURCHASED JULY 1, 1951 AND HAS BEEN OPERATING AS A HARDWARE STORE SPECIALIZING IN GARDEN SUPPLIES, HOUSE WARBS, AND PAINTS.
HEALTH SERVICES
Name of Company: Chatham Health Institute
Address: 112 Main St.
Date established in Chatham: Sep. 1965
Officers and Titles:
- Frances E. N. McKay, R.N. (Pres)
- Robert J. Jones (Sec/Com)
Products or Services offered:
- Therapeutic, physical, conditioning
Number of employees: 9
Brief history of the company in Chatham: Established in Chatham because owner offered an opportunity to supply these services.

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it? Established

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

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Name of Company: Garden Furniture
Address: 761 Main St.
Date established in Chatham: 1923
Officers and Titles: John Fleming - owner
Products or Services offered: Raising house 35 patient capacity
Number of employees: 7 - 3 local workers employed here.
Previous experience: Fleming's from 1923 - 1927

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of company: George P. Helfrich, Attorney At Law.

Address: 300 Main Street, Chatham, New Jersey.

Date established in Chatham: January 1, 1967.

Officers and titles: George P. Helfrich, Attorney At Law.

Products or services offered: Attorney At Law of the State of New Jersey, specializing in trial of litigated matters.

Number of employees: One.

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Opened office at 300 Main Street on January 1, 1967, continuing practice of law which was commenced in 1952 in Newark, New Jersey.

Previous experience: Former partner of Reynier J. Wortendyke, Jr., presently United States District Court Judge; former single practitioner maintaining offices in Newark, New Jersey, for a period of 15 years.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? I have resided in Chatham, New Jersey, with my wife and family for some years and became impressed with Chatham and its people and was eager to become a part of the Town and active in its growth and functions.

Did you buy your business or establish it? Established it.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? My experience thus far with Chatham and its residents has bolstered my original reason for moving here. My experiences with residents of Chatham have been pleasant.
Name of Company: STICKEL AND FRAHN
Address: 229 Main St., Chatham, N.J.
Date established in Chatham: 1948 - R. Wayne Stickel - Founder
Officers and Titles: R. Wayne Stickel, and Carl A. Frahn, Partners
Eric H. Stockholm, an Associate
Products or Services offered: legal services
Number of employees: 6 secretaries
Brief history of the company in Chatham: Opened office upon being admitted to practice law. Continued ever since.

Previous experience:
How did you happen to come to Chatham? To find home for family
Did you buy business or establish it? Established
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color? No

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MACHINE TOOLS
Name of Company: *Alva Industries Inc.*
Address: 36 Runai Rd.
Date established in Chatham: Approx. 1947
Officers and Titles:
- W. J. Valley - Pres.
- Mrs. "" "" - V. P. 
- "" "" - "" 
Products or Services offered:
- Prefab aluminum tubing and
- contoured shapes principally for
  outdoor lighting fixtures
Number of employees: 10
Brief history of the company in Chatham: 

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: Micro Tool

Address: 9 Commerce

Date established in Chatham: 1954

Officers and Titles:

Products or Services offered: Tool + Die making

Number of employees: 4

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham:

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local Color?

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Name of company: Montgomery Co., Inc.
Address: 10 Commerce Street
Date established in Chatham: 1961
Officers and titles: Sarah Halpern - Pres
Ethel Halpern - Secretary
Products or services offered:
Distributor of machine tool accessories
Number of employees: 15
Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham:

Did you buy your business or establish it? Buy

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers?

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MANUFACTURERS
Name of Company: Chatham Candle Co.
Address: 116 Proctor Ave.
Date established in Chatham: 1955
Products or Services offered: Candles
Number of employees: 1938 - Annual peak in fall
Brief history of the company in Chatham: 5/10 store/vendy store,
Birthday candles specialty. Perhaps largest in business area.
In the world - made all production machinery.
Previous experience: Been in candle business since 1933.
How did you happen to come to Chatham? Favorable labor market here then.
Did you buy business or establish it?
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

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Name of Company: Chatham Plastics Co.
Address: 36 Commerce St.
Date established in Chatham: 1964
Officers and Titles: M. V. Bezdek (Principal)
Products or Services offered: Tool + Dies - 3 injection molding machines - Thermoplastics
Number of employees: 15
Brief history of the company in Chatham: Engaged in manufacture of tools/casts for injection molding - separate injection molding machines for variety of markets and applications

Previous experience: Personally employed by Toy Company

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it?

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Name of Company: Chatham Pottery (Bonnell House)

Address: 30 Watering

Date established in Chatham: 1948

Officers and Titles:
- W. Goss, Pres.
- M. M., V.P.
- B. B., Treas.

Products or Services offered:
- Ceramics mfr.
- Stone ware
- Houseware variety

Number of employees: 25

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
- Started as holtby - both m. & W. Goss had technical backgrounds - operated for 10 years as more or less a holtby until demand grew to warrant present size of operation - some greenware with Bell bases -

Previous experience:
- W. Goss, Chatham girl
- one major

How did you happen to come to Chatham?
- W. Goss, Chatham girl

Did you buy business or establish it?
- Established

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Name of Company: **CONMORE INC.**

Address: 27 COMMERCE ST.

Date established in Chatham: **AUG. 15, 1966**

Officers and Titles:  
- **ANTHONY KOMOREK** PRES. & TREASURER  
- **RUTH KOMOREK** SECRETARY  
- **EDWARD KOMOREK** VIC PRES.

Products or Services offered: MANUFACTURE PRECISION MACHINE PARTS

Number of employees: **TEST FAMILY**

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: **WAS PARTNERSHIP IN PLASTIC MOLDING**

How did you happen to come to Chatham? **FAMILY LIVES VERY CLOSE TO CHATHAM.**

Did you buy business or establish it? **ESTABLISH IT**

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? **Local color?**

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TERCENTENARY HISTORY OF CHATHAM
SPONSORED BY THE CHATHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Name of Company: FOSTER & ALLEN, INC.
Address: 26 Commerce Street, Chatham, N. J. 07928
Date established in Chatham: May, 1958.

Officers and Titles:
ESTY FOSTER, South Orange, N.J. — President & Treasurer.
ELIZABETH H. FOSTER (MRS. ESTY) — Vice President & Secretary.
BRADNER M. LITTLEHALE, Chatham Township, N.J. — Chief Engineer.
ANN R. WILDNAUER (MRS. FREDERICK A.), Chatham, N.J. — Asst. Secretary.

Products or Services offered:
Manufacturer of patented machines for cutting to finished length extruded
plastics and rubber. Also take-off machines to feed the extrusion through

Number of employees: About twelve. VERSA CUTTER and VERSA FEED are our
registered Trade Marks.

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

(See attached.)

Previous experience:
(See attached.)

How did you happen to come to Chatham:
(See attached.)

Did you buy business or establish it?
(See attached.)

Did you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?
No.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local Color?
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FOSTER & ALLEN, INC.

26 COMMERCE STREET • BOX 466 • CHATHAM, NEW JERSEY 07928 • TELEPHONE 201-635-7766

TO: THE CHATHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FOSTER & ALLEN, INC., moved to Chatham from Garwood, New Jersey, in order to find the amount of space we needed in a desirable suburban community. We rented from Would & Son our present building on Commerce Street, which is a light industrial district which exactly fitted our requirements. In 1962, Esty Foster bought the property. Our cut-off machines had been manufactured in Garwood since 1947.

Since moving to Chatham, our business has grown so that, in 1962, we had to increase the size of our building by about fifty per cent and we are already overcrowded in that space. We manufacture about a dozen different models of VERSA CUTTERS and because each one has its special applications, most of our selling is done from our office here where experienced engineering advice is available. Much of our promotion is by word of mouth from old customers but this is supplemented by advertisements in all of the plastics magazines and publications in this country, two in Canada and three in England. A considerable portion of our business consists of repeat orders from old customers who are located in three dozen states in this country, Canada and a number of foreign countries -- such as Great Britain, France, West Germany, Switzerland, Venezuela, Mexico, Australia, South Africa, India and Japan. Our three largest customers are in Paris, France; Liverpool, England; and Muscatine, Iowa.

Because most of our final selling is done right here on Commerce Street, we have visitors from all over the world. Many of them, of course, are from this country but we have also had visitors recently from France, England, Australia, South America, Central America and India. We have an active correspondence with many of them on a personal basis.

Attached to
"Tercentenary History of Chatham"
December 27, 1965

ESTY FOSTER
President
The Chatham Historical Society

Name: Liftetime Transport Equipment Corp.
Address:
Date established in Chatham: 11/67
Officers and titles:
- Geo. R. Freund, Pres.
- John F. Reeves, V-P
- Alexander Hamilton, Sec'y

Products or services offered:
- MFG. OF INSULATED TRAILERS & CONTAINERS

Number of employees:
- Chatham (6) - Milwaukee (50)

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
Gen'l. Offices at 159 MAIN ST.

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?
Did you buy the business or establish it?
Do you have personal reminiscences of Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers.

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Industry in Chatham

Name of Company: National Manufacturing Company, Inc.
Address: 12 River Road, Chatham, New Jersey
Date established in Chatham: November, 1952
Officers and Titles: Otto Stahl, President & Treasurer
                    Elsa M. Stahl, Secretary
                    Otto Stahl Jr., Vice President
                    William J. Stahl, 2nd Vice-President
                    Richard P. Stahl, Asst Sec'y & Treasurer

Products or Services offered:
Deep Drawing and Metal Stampings - Fabricated Metal Parts.

Number of Employees:
There are a total of 35 employees.

Brief History of the Company in Chatham:

Business moved from Hillside, N.J. - Present building bought from The Braecher Company. There has been a program which is now underway to expand the Company. The addition is to be completed by June, 1963.
The President, Otto Stahl, is an active member in social affairs, and in the Kiwanis Club of Chatham; at present he is Lt. Gov. of Division 10 of the Kiwanis.

Please mail to C. W. S. Slagle
291 Fairmount Ave.,
Chatham, N. J.
Address: 12 River Road, Chatham, New Jersey

Date established in Chatham: March, 1952

Officers and Titles: Otto Stahl, President & Treasurer
Otto Stahl, Jr., Vice President
Elsa M. Stahl, Secretary
Richard Stahl, Asst Secy-Treasurer

Products or Services offered: Deep Drawing, Metal Stamping Manufacturing

Number of employees: 80

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Moved from Hillside, New Jersey into Old Bracher Plant on River Road. Expanded in 1965 to 15,000 sq. feet. Has developed considerably since moving here in 1952, with area of Precision work becoming more specialized than previously. Expansion in the near future to include additional 8,000 sq. feet.

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it? Business established 1944, Newark, N.J.

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Industry in Chatham

Name of Company: Plastics Color Co. Inc.
Address: 22 Commerce St., Chatham, N. J.
Date established in Chatham: 1957
Officers and Titles: Raymond Blake, President - Treasurer
                   Richard E. Ferreby, General Manager
                   Russell T. Kirby of the firm of
                   Modr Griffin & Kirby - Secretary
Products or Services offered:
Manufacturers of - dry color for injection molding and extrusion - color concentrates -
Paste colors for liquid resin users and suppliers of
Silicone mold release

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Brief History of the Company in Chatham:
In May of 1957 we established our Company in Building #1 at lots 18-22 Commerce St., and December 15, 1961,
we expanded to Building #3 on lots 14-16 Commerce St.
We expect in a few years to build and occupy Building #2 in between Buildings 1 and 2.

Building #1 is our factory, and Building #2 contains our sales offices, technical laboratory, and factory for the manufacture of our concentrates.

Please mail to C. N. S. Single
293 Fairmount Ave.,
Chatham, N. J.

ME 5-7673
Name of Company: G. W. Poncy, Inc. (formerly Ponson Industries, Inc.)
Address: 35 Commerce Street Chatham, N. J.
Date established in Chatham: April 1960
Officers and Titles: G. W. Poncy, President
                  G. W. Poncy, Jr. V. Pres.
                  Mary Poncy, Sec-Treas.

Products or Services offered: Inflatable World Globes, Educational Items,
                             Plastic Sheeting, protective coverings, Design & Development.

Number of employees: 10

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
Manufactured for nationally known companies who distribute our products, such as McGraw-Hill, Garrett Corp., NASA.

Previous experience: Manufacturing and product development since 1951

How did you happen to come to Chatham? I heard about what a wonderful town Chatham was from a former neighbor in New York. Came out in 1956, and entire family sold on first visit. Still happy here.

Did you buy buildings or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? Well, I can remember when Lafayette St. at Main had a slight dog-leg, which was taken out, also when the Chatham Trust was next to an old eyesore garage...but that's not so long ago!

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?
Terrific Town
Terrific People
Love the Chatham Courier...hope it doesn't get too cosmopolitan.

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Name of Company: Roffe's Instruments

Address: 236 Main St.

Date established in Chatham: 

Officers and Titles: Noel Roffe - Prop.

Products or Services offered: Surgical instruments, dealers and distributors.

Number of employees: 

Brief history of the company in Chatham: 

Previous experience: 

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Did you buy business or establish it?

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Main Street, Chatham, 1845

Business Questionnaire

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Mrs. Merritt Budd
28 Elmwood Ave.
Chatham, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Budd:

This letter is sent in compliance with your request of Sept. 18.

This company was conceived and born in August 1964, and located in the Borough of Chatham at the above address in the same month.

The officers are: John C. Stillwagon, Pres. and Treas.; Katherine M. Stillwagon, Vice-Pres.; and Luke T. Flood, Sec.

We manufacture threaded pipe fittings in alloys of aluminum and copper. There are four employees at present.

In our short existence, we have accumulated little historical significance; however, this company was founded upon the premise that many fluid handling systems would have to be relatively light in weight, and many would require the particular corrosion resistant characteristics of aluminum. Our brief lifetime has been spent in developing the capabilities needed to manufacture aluminum pipe fittings properly and profitably.

The writer, a chemical engineer, graduated from Newark College of Engineering. His years of experience with Koppers Co., the U. S. Navy and the DuPont Co. furnished an excellent knowledge of needs and applications for pipe fittings in the chemical industry and naval vessel construction.

We have no memories of old Chatham, but at the time when we needed a building, we were most fortunate to find exactly what was wanted here in Chatham. We have enjoyed working in this lovely community, and we hope to remain here for many years to come.

By locating in Chatham, we unknowingly contributed to the formation of an amusing coincidence. The president of a company which is probably the largest in the world, lives in Chatham. A few blocks from his home, we (one of the smallest companies in the country) ship our products to his organization in various locations throughout the U. S. He doesn't know anything about it, how could he; but we do, and we're glad.

Very truly yours,

John C. Stillwagon

JCS/se
The Chatham Historical Society

Name of company: Eric Carlson Tile Co.
Address: 15 Myrtle Ave.
Date established in Chatham: 1941

Officer and titles: Eric Carlson PRES., Muriel Carlson Sec. & TRES.

Products or services offered: Ceramic Tile

Number of employees: 1 - 2

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Future prospects looked good in Chatham for my business

Did you buy your business or establish it? Establish

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? I've become a lot smarter through my experiences with customers

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Name of company: Case Graphics
Address: 585 Main Street
Date established in Chatham: February 1, 1966
Officers and titles: Roger D. Case - owner
Barbara Gantman - graphic designer
Products or services offered:
Corporate identity programs, package design, advertising art
Number of employees: one
Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: Studio and corporation art direction

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Needed office space located near my home (Madison) and within easy traveling distance to clients and prospective clients
Did you buy your business or establish it?
Established
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers:

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About Chatham:

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Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscence of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color.

Previous experience:

In business (40% 50% or more)

Direct hire of the (NOTE)

Number of employees:

Self employed owner, partner.

Number of employees:

Owner and Seller:

Sold to, or merged with:

Date incorporated in Chatham:

Feb 16, 1914

CATHAM SIVERSTITH

Address:

248 MAIN ST. CATHAM

Name of Company:
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These are upside down.

Please do not distinguish on purpose.
Name of Company: Culligan Soft Water Sales & Service (Div of Gusmer & Martin Inc.

Address: 8 Commerce St (PO Box 454)

Date established in Chatham: 1948 (month, date forgotten)

Officers and Titles: Frederick S Grossman, VP and General Manager
                    William A Martin, pres
                    Mary G Martin, sec'y-treas

Products or Services offered: Water softener service, home owned softeners and rentals. Full line of home, business, and industrial water conditioning equipment: neutralizers, chlorinators, taste & odor removal units, etc.

Number of employees: 6

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Moved from Summit in '48 to Ogden Bldg at 116 Summit Av. Bldg burned 4/52; moved to temporary quarters in coal company office at 106 Summit Av. 8/52 moved to present building built especially for Culligan by Stephen R Brown Inc. Have just completed expansion of offices in new second floor, also by Stephen R Brown Inc.

Previous experience: Business started in Summit 9/47 in offices only, using Millburn dealer's plant facilities.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? A suitable bldg was available.

Did you buy business or establish it? Bought: less than 1%. Established rest.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color? None, I'm sorry.

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Name of Company: DONALD'S STORES INC. OF CHATHAM (5&10)

Address: 207 MAIN ST, CHATHAM, N.J. 09728

Date established in Chatham: MAY 2, 1967

Officers and Titles: BENSON F. DONALD PRES
                        KATHRYN A. DONALD SEC & TREAS

Products or Services offered: VARIETY STORE 5&10

Number of employees: 3

Brief history of the company in Chatham: NEW

Previous experience: APPX 20 YRS WITH F.W. WOOLWORTH CO
                    8 YRS IN BUSINESS FOR SELF IN NEWARK

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Bought

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

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Name of Company: Dr. W. R. Coe (D.C.)
Address: 338 Main St.
Date established in Chatham: 1937
Officers and Titles: [Signature]

Services offered: Chiropractor

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it? Established practice.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

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Name of Company: Glenn Ingram and Company
Address: 6 Roosevelt Ave.
Date established in Chatham: 1961
Officers and titles: Dwight C. Swanson, Byron A. Bell

Products or services offered: Certified Public Accountants
Number of employees: 5 staff members

Brief history of the company in Chatham: This is a branch office. The main office is in New York City. When they decided to establish an office in New Jersey, Chatham was chosen. The whole State is covered from this office.

Previous experience: The company was established in New York City in 1929.

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy your business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers?

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Name of Company: Richard B. Frodge T/A Logan Co.

Address: 132 Main St, Chatham

Date established in Chatham: July 1964

Officers and Titles: Richard B. Frodge

Owner

Products or Services offered: Design & Sell Conveyors & Systems

Number of employees: 2

Brief History of the company in Chatham: Bought old “Regimental Stripe” block & made it into an office. Wife, Riggs, handled contacts, contracts, painters, etc. (Very well I believe). Business up nicely since we moved to Chatham.

Previous experience: 11 yrs estimating, 2 yrs trouble-shooting, 6 yrs div mgr.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? I like town, location, convenience

Did you buy business or establish it? Established

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No, came from Midwest

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

Altho based in Chatham, have visited customers in: All states but Alaska, Hawaii, Maine, New Hampshire’s also Mexico, England, Germany.

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Name of Company: Vito Lupino
Address: 57 Summit Ave
Date established in Chatham: 11-15-64
Officers and titles:

Products or services offered: Excavating, Sewerlines, Waterlines, Fence Work.

Number of employees: (6}

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Found a house suitable to our needs.

Did you buy your business or establish it? Establish it.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers.

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Mrs. E. V. S. Budd
The Chatham Historical Society
Main Street
Chatham, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Budd:

W. G. Martens & Co. was started in 1955 as a proprietorship to act as sales and service representatives for several chemical equipment manufacturers. The following year we took office space at 420 Main Street conducting our business there until last year when we moved to larger quarters at the above address.

In 1958 Mr. N. A. Hough, then assistant sales manager of a neighboring manufacturing company, became associated with W. G. Martens & Co. and, in 1946 the firm was incorporated with the following officers:

President - W. G. Martens
Vice President - E. Martens (inactive)
Secretary & Treasurer - N. A. Hough

The town of Chatham, New Jersey is close to the center of the chemical manufacturing industry in New Jersey and this area has become the headquarters for several large chemical corporations. These facts together with the pleasant suburban surroundings made Chatham the choice for the location of our business.

Yours truly,

W. G. Martens
The Chatham Historical Society

Name and address: LEONARD G. PIKAART - 66 N. PASSAIC AVE.

Date established in Chatham: 1945

Officers and titles: MORRIS & ESSEX DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.

VICE PRESIDENT & TRAINING DIRECTOR - L. G. PIKAART

Products or services offered:

OBEDIENCE DOG TRAINING

Number of employees: NO PAID EMPLOYEES

Brief history of the Company in Chatham:

Previous experience: NONE

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

TO LIVE IN A SMALLER QUIET SUBURB

Did you buy your business or establish it? ESTABLISHED BY MRS. HARTLEY DODGE

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? NO

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers. MOST INTERESTING EXPERIENCE IS TO SEE INCORRIGIBLE DOGS DEVELOP INTO GOOD DOG POPULATION IN THE COMMUNITY.

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MURRAY AMERICAN CORPORATION
Address: 15 COMMERCE STREET, CHATHAM, N.J.
Date established in Chatham: 1951
Officers and Titles: Donald M. Murray - President & Treas.
Jos. H. Olhausen - Executive Vice President
Robert M. Ginsty - Secretary

Products or Services offered: Importers of Raw Quartz Crystal and Semi-Precious Stones, and Mineral Specimens.

Number of employees: Three

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Sell Piezo Electric Quartz Crystal to many of the large manufacturing companies in the country, and rough semi-precious stones to the hobbyists for lapidary work, and also to dealers. In addition sell Mineral Specimens to private collectors and Museums.

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham: Principals live in New Jersey and considered it an attractive convenient location eliminating necessity for commuting to New York City.

Did you buy business or establish it? Established it. Moved from New York City.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local Color?

Rather unusual to locate an import firm outside of New York area. However, have found no drawbacks and have not found it detrimental to our business.

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Name of Company: Mutter
Address: N. Passaic R.
Date established in Chatham: 1938
Officers and Titles: Mutter owner
Products or Services offered: Sell, service & repair bicycles
Number of employees: None
Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

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Did you buy business or establish it?

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Name of Company: Dr. Charles W. Pardridge, Optometrist

Address: 55 Fairmount Ave

Date established in Chatham: August 1953

Officers and Titles:

Products or Services offered: Optometric Service

Number of employees:

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham? purchase practice

Did you buy business or establish it?

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Name of Company: Rain Transformer Corp
Address: 110 Summit Ave.
Date established in Chatham: 1960
Officers and Titles:
Rob. G. Gray, Pres.
Martha Reynolds, Secy.
Products or Services offered: Transformers to 51kva capacity, specialty work for large industrial cos.
Number of employees: 25
Brief history of the company in Chatham: Operation has more than doubled in output and volume since establishment here.

Previous experience: 1953 established business in Springfield.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Grew up in Chatham, worked here when plant was small and later returned as manager.

Did you buy business or establish it? Established.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

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Name of Company:  **Raymond Kitchen Designers Inc**
Address:  **North Passaic Avenue**
Date established in Chatham:  **December 1963**
Officers and Titles:  **Raymond L. Berube President**  
**Walter E. Matson Secretary-Treasurer**
Products or Services offered:  **Complete Kitchen Modernization**
Number of employees:  **2**
Brief history of the company in Chatham:  **Formerly Whitehead Kitchens from 1956-1963. Took place over 1963**

Previous experience:  **Total of 60 yrs experience**
How did you happen to come to Chatham?  **Formerly worked for Whitehead Kitchens**
Did you buy business or establish it?  **Bought the business**
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

  **Listening to old timers speak of the old days**

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers?  Local color?

  **None that I can recall**

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Name of Company: Phelps Smilax
13 x 2 - Chatham, N.Y.

Address:

Date established in Chatham: 1895

Officers and Titles:

Products or Services offered: Smilax (strictly wholesale)

Number of employees: Three (High School boy's summer)

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Established by grandfather - one person
Then my father - continued
Then myself - Smilax

Previous experience: Born into the business

How did you happen to come to Chatham? - Family had lived in Madison, went as driver to Ogden, the corn mill
Did you buy business or establish it? Came back, lost to this place
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? Bought the hotel

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color? Very few

and we were wholesalers and did not sell to public

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Name and address -- School Pen Company

Date established in Chatham: July, 1966, previously in Chatham Township since 1954.

Officers and titles: Mr. William J. Lane, President & owner.

Products and services offered: Writing instruments and penmanship aids to schools exclusively.

Number of employees: 20

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham? We had stored material in a back building on the Carmine De Santis property, and when Mr. De Santis passed away in 1966, we purchased the property.

Did you buy your business or establish it? Established since 1952, formed at that time in Jersey City, N.J.
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? None.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers.

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Name and address: STONELEIGH MOTEL, 57 Main Street, Chatham, N. J.

Date established in Chatham: April 1, 1965

Officers and titles: Mrs. Ruth L. Pearson, Owner

Products and services offered: Overnight guests.

Number of employees: Two.

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: None.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Moved from Westfield in 1949 as resident and operator of a Residential Remodelling and Decorating business.

Did you buy your business or establish it? Established it.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers: Too many and too varied for this writing.

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Name of Company:  TRAVELONG INC

Address:  127 MAIN ST.

Date established in Chatham:  Feb. 1963

Officers and Titles:  

Robert E. Long  Sr.  Vice Pres.

Products or Services offered:  TRAVEL AGENCY - RETAIL & WHOLESALE - COMMERCIAL

Number of employees:  7

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:  I started in the travel agency field at a larger company with a total of 4 offices.

How did you happen to come to Chatham?  Area ideal for travel due to income level.

Did you buy business or establish it?  ESTABLISH

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?  NO

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers?  Local color?

We have found the restoration of the old Wando and Black Horse Inn to be very successful. Our clients appreciate the atmosphere greatly.

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Chatham Historical Society
Chatham, New Jersey

The United Parcel Service replied to our questionaire by sending several brochures. They will be found in the Historical Society files.

The building is located on the corner of Watchung Ave. and River Road.
Name of Company: Utility Welding Co.
Address: 21 Commerce St.
Date established in Chatham: 1947
Officers and Titles: 

Products or Services offered: Industrial Welding + Repairs

Number of employees: 

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

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We would appreciate the favor of an immediate reply so that is of the essential.
The Chatham Historical Society
Chatham, New Jersey

Attention: Mrs. Merritt Budd

Dear Madam:

The information requested concerning this company is as follows:

Name and address: As above.

Date established in Chatham: May 22, 1962.

Officers and titles: Victor B. Meyer, President & Treasurer.
Evelyn S. Meyer, Vice Pres. & Secretary.

Products or services offered: Latex resin emulsions.

Number of employees: None at present.


President is also owner of Viburnum Associates, same address. Additional pertinent information will be found in connection therewith.

Very truly yours,

VIBURNUM RESINS, INC.

Victor B. Meyer
President
Name of Company: Wainwright & Co.
Address: 251 Main St, Chatham, MA
Date established in Chatham: Aug 1959

Officers and Titles:
FREDERICK N. WAINWRIGHT - SOLE OWNER

Products or Services offered: WATCH AND JEWELRY REPAIR AND MFG.
Retail Sales: All Jewelry - Gifts - Watch - Chains - Etc.

Number of employees:
2 Full Time - 2 Part Time

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
Opened watch repair shop at 251 Passaic Ave
Aug 1959 - Moved to my new store on May 1965

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?
Came back here - hometown

Did you buy business or establish it? ESTABLISH

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?
Horse Fountain - 50 Passaic Ave
Traffic Booth - Main & Passaic
Blacksmith's Shop - on No. Passaic

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: CHATHAM NEWS SERVICE
Address: P.O. BOX 474
Date established in Chatham: APPROX 1915
Officers and Titles: HAROLD J. HENRICH, OWNER

Products or Services offered: HOME DELIVERIES OF ALL NEWSPAPERS
Number of employees: 2 DAILY - 10 SUNDAYS

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
MY FATHER STARTED BUSINESS AROUND 1915 - I BOUGHT HIM OUT DEC. 6TH 1941 AND HAVE OPERATED IT SINCE.

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham? BORN IN CHATHAM

Did you buy business or establish it? SEE ABOVE

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? YES

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color? TOO MANY TO MENTION

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Name of Company: Chatham Press Printing Co
Address: 12 Center St
Date established in Chatham: 1897
Officers and Titles: A.A. Bohrman

Products or Services offered: Printing

Number of employees: 3

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Started as a combination weekly newspaper and printing plant.

Previous experience:

J.T. Scott, London newspapers, present owner employed by R.R. Donnelly, largest printing plant in world. Chicago started his own

Transferred by Mr. Scott to become associated with him, paper in Williamburg at age of 19.

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Quite a few since '911

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color? Can't think of them now.

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Address: 146 Main Street, Chatham, N.J.

Date established in Chatham: September, 1945

Officers and Titles: K. A. Haynes, President and Publisher
Ruth Dascoll, editor

Products or Services offered: Weekly newspaper and job printing

Number of employees: Five

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

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Did you buy business or establish it? Bought

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

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Name of Company: Crown Oil Corp.
Address: 29 Ruei Road
Date established in Chatham: 1946
Officers and Titles:
A. E. McMahon - Pres.
C. F. King - V. P. & Secy.
P. A. King - V. P. Treas.
Products or Services offered: Fuel oil supplies - air conditioning + refrigeration equipment + repair sale original equipment
Number of employees:
Brief history of the company in Chatham:
600 ac. miles -

Previous experience: 
How did you happen to come to Chatham? Harrison, N. J. don't remember activity
Did you buy business or establish it? Partly established + partly bought existing storage plant
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: The Engleman - Goodfield Co.

Address: 106 Summit Avenue

Date established in Chatham: Feb. 1, 1955

Officers and Titles: Harry A. Engleman Pres.
Robert G. Engleman Treas.
George O. Bradley Sales Mgr.

Products or Services offered: Retail Coal & Fuel Oil Sales.
Heating Equipment Sales & Service

Number of employees: Four

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: Operated same business from July 1940 in Summit, N.J. with entrance from Springfield Avenue opposite Middle Avenue.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Lease expired on property which was sold for construction of Garden Apartments.

Did you buy business or establish it? Added by purchase, business then operated by Geo. G. Hennessy together with property, originally owned and operated by E.P. Miller early in this century.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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PAINTERS — DECORATORS
The Chatham Historical Society

Name: Gill & Brown
Address: 27 University Ave.
Date established in Chatham: 1920
Officers and titles: John Gill, Art Brown: Partners

Products or services offered: Painting & Decorating

Number of employees: 2 plus partners

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy your business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of old Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers:

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Name of company: PAUL TRAVIS
Address: 57 HEDGES AVE.
Date established in Chatham: October, 1963
Officers and titles: None
Products or services offered: Painting, Paperhanging

Number of employees: 2 or 3 Seasonal
Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: Apprenticed in Irvington, N.J. in 1937, started in own business after World War II in Union, N.J.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Painters were needed in Chatham area, while painting a friend's house I decided to stay.

Did you buy your business or establish it? Established business

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? No

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Name of Company: CHATHAM PHARMACY

Address: 263 Main Street

Date established in Chatham: February 20, 1955

Officers and Titles: Charles Mayer and Richard J. Mayer - Co-Owners

Products or Services offered: Prescriptions, Hospital Supplies, Cosmetics

Number of employees: 6

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: Liberty Drug Service Corp.

Address: 195 Main St.

Date established in Chatham: June 12, 1967

Officers and Titles: Murray Graff: Pres.
Barbara Cutler: V. Pres.

Products or Services offered: Prescriptions
Biologicals - Cosmetics
Hospital & Sick Room Supplies

Number of employees: Ten

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Originated Feb. 1933 at 126 Liberty St., in New York City and have been serving residents of Chatham and other areas in New Jersey since our inception.

We planned to bring to Chatham something new in Pharmacy. Our decor and professional image has been well accepted by the community and as an added attraction our antique display has very many people talking about Liberty Drug.

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham? I was very impressed with the town and outlying communities.

Did you buy business or establish it? Established

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

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236 MAIN ST

Date established in Chatham: March 1, 1950

Officers and Titles: SIDNEY BARTH, PRES - TREAS
PAULINE BARTH, VICE PRES - Secy

Products or Services offered: PRESCRIPTIONS, DRUGS, VITAMINS,
COSMETICS - LUBES - GROC. - WIRE

Number of employees: 6

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

H ave been operating here for 17 years.

Previous experience:

H ave been in pharmacy since 1937

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Had opportunity to buy pharmacy

Did you buy business or establish it? - Buy

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

Have made many friends as well as customers
and have found Chatham to be an ideal community

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Name of Company: PARK PHARMACY OF CHATHAM
Address: L L S M A I N  S T
Date established in Chatham: 1951
Officers and Titles: SAMUEL T. BRONFMAN
Owner
Products or Services offered: RETAIL PHARMACY
Number of employees: FIVE
Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: WEEHAWKEN, N.J.
How did you happen to come to Chatham? LIKED THE TOWN & AREA
Did you buy business or establish it? BOUGHT
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? NO

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color? NONE

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PHOTO AND PHOTO EQUIP.
Name of Company: Bozian Studio

Address: 249 Main St.

Date established in Chatham: Dec 1954

Officers and Titles: George Bozian, Betty Bozian

Products or Services offered: All phases of portrait photography, black and white and color, custom framing service.

Number of employees: Just husband + wife.

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Opened up with portrait studio and camera shop. As people liked the type of portraits we gave them, we went into it more and more.

Previous experience: Worked with photographer father for a number of years. Had studio in East Orange for 4 yrs before coming to Chatham. Took special refresher courses in New York.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Visited friends here for many years, and thought town could use a studio. Since there was none.

Did you buy business or establish it? Established it.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? Used to take rides to Chatham on Sundays. Since it was considered "out in the country."

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Name of Company: Chatham Village Camera Shop
Address: 41 So. Passaic Ave, Chatham, NJ
Date established in Chatham: May 1966
Officers and Titles: Alfred D. Johnson Owner
Products or Services offered: Retail Photographic Supplies, Radios, TV, etc.
Number of employees: 3

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: None

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Because of the town and its people.

Did you buy business or establish it? No

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MAIN ST. CHATHAM, 1845

Name of company: Ryan Photo Lab. - 30 Commerce St.
P.O.Box 24

Date established in Chatham: 1940

Officers and titles: Twelve before mechanizing - six today

Products or services offered: Photo finishing

Number of employees: Twelve before mechanizing - six today

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Started in Chatham when old Post Office was on Passaic Ave. By 1940, four or five men worked for the company. Business has gradually increased to a fairly successful four today. Have gradually increased to a fairly successful

Previous experiences: Photo finish in Newark and Irvington.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Visited Chatham when a child. Always remembered the little homes and peaceful atmosphere. Came here to live in 1937.

Did you buy your business or establish it? Established it with few tools, did most work by hand. Now machines.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? You don’t have personal contact with mail order business. We do have some customers since we first started.

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PHYSICIANS
Name of Company: Dr. Francis J. Benz
135 Watchung Ave

Address:

Date established in Chatham: 1939

Officers and Titles:

Products or Services offered: Medical

Number of employees:

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham? My friend Amine did and I decided to come to Chatham. More writing.

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? Previously residing here. No.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: Dr. Harry H. Pike
Address: 61 Fairmount Ave., Chatham, N. J.
Date established in Chatham: Jan. 15, 1931
Officers and Titles: Self

Products or Services offered: Professional

Number of employees: __________

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
Patterson Ave. offered in number of 1934 to 44 Fairmount Ave. until Oct. 1937. Then moved to 59 Red Road. In 1943, moved the office next door to 6 Red Road where I remained until I moved to my present location in Aug. 1960.

Previous experience: Came to Chatham from college.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? I took over the office from occupied by W. R. O'Leary, who retired to Trenton.

Did you buy business or establish it? Bought it.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? Yes.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: Catherine E. Jean, M.D.
Address: 85 Redford
Date established in Chatham: Feb. 1, 1952
Officers and Titles:

Products or Services offered: Medical & neurological services for children
Number of employees: 2

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: Practiced in nephrology, from 1949 to 1952.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Looking for a suburbian area that needed my skills at that time, within easy commuting distance to help for my husband.

Did you buy business or establish it? Established it.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? Remembered the 5:30 am steam trains that brought the newspapers & also the Christmas steam trains.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color? Have many but unable to share because of confidentiality of patient-doctor relationships.

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Name of Company: Dr. William R. Ward

Address: 108 Fairmount Avenue, Chatham, N.J.

Date established in Chatham: September 1956

Officers and Titles:

Products or Services offered: General medical practice

Number of employees: 1

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: Officer in Naval, N.J.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Improved by town

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

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Name of Company: W. J. Pearson Plumbing & Heating
Address: 304 Lafayette Ave
Date established in Chatham: 15 years - 1932
Officers and titles: Owner

Products or services offered: Repairing & Overhauling
Number of employees: None

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: Employed by C. H. Van Wyck in 1930
How did you happen to come to Chatham? Was sent over to C. H. Van Wyck's by Summit Union Hall

Did you buy your business or establish it? I established it.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers?

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William T. Pearson
The Chatham Historical Society

Name of company: E. J. Stone
Address: 6 Fuller Ave
Date established in Chatham: 1943
Officers and titles:

Products or services offered: Heating Installations, Repairs, Cleaning

Number of employees: None

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:
How did you happen to come to Chatham?
Did you buy your business or establish it? Previous was with Thos. Douglas
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Work in Vanderpool Castle

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Name: **Tom Tyrone Co.**

Address: 94 Washington Ave

Date established in Chatham: **Feb 1, 1962**

Officers and titles:

Products or services offered: **Plumbing & Heating**

Number of employees: 1 or 2

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham? **Born Here**

Did you buy your business or establish it? **Established**

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers:

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Name of Company: Chatham Television

Address: 255 Main St.

Date established in Chatham: 1960

Officers and Titles: E.R. Oswald owner

Products or Services offered: Sales & Service of Color TV, phones, AM-FM radios & portable TV

Number of employees: ONE

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Opened up at 15 S. Passaic Ave until forced to move due to demolition of building to make way for new post office. We give customers value instead of discounts, which is what our customers demand.

Previous experience: Started 1940 in Livingston, N.J. Still active.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Moved into Chatham 1958 by desire to live in and serve the community.

Did you buy business or establish it? Established as branch of Livingston TV.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? None except as a passer-by I always felt Chatham was ideally located as a place I would like to live in.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: Dependable Parts Inc.

Address: 169 Main St

Date established in Chatham: 1941

Officers and Titles:
DAVID E. WHITING, PRESIDENT
EDGAR WHITING, VICE PRESIDENT

Products or Services offered:
TELEVISION & RADIO SERVICE

Number of employees: 2

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:
10 YEARS IN ASSOCIATED FIELDS

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it? ESTABLISHED

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

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Address: 560 Main Street

Date established in Chatham: April, 1958

Officers and Titles:
- Paul E. Freed, Ph.D., President
- Dr. Ralph Freed, General Director
- Rev. A.L. Robertson, Vice President
- Rev. George Lynch, Secretary
- Rev. Weaver Futrell, Treasurer
- Mr. Robert VC Dickinson, Staff Assistant
- Mr. Theodore L. Bleich, Ass't. Sec., Fin. Sec.

Products or Services offered:
Engaged in the broadcasting of religious programs in 27 languages from stations in Monte Carlo, Monaco and Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles

Number of employees:
15 employees are engaged in Chatham, and total employees overseas are 195. Those overseas are missionaries.

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
This non-profit religious organization was established in Greensboro, North Carolina by Dr. Freed in 1952, and moved to New Jersey in 1958. Seeking a community which was friendly and well thought of, this area was recommended to us. A building was rented at 394 Main Street which was used until July of 1967 at which time we occupied our new headquarters building built by us at 560 Main Street. This is headquarters for the world-wide operation.

The first transmitter of 1000 watts was erected in Tangier, Morocco.

Rev. High received its independence, foreign broadcasters were told that no longer would they be able to transmit from Morocco, and a station in Monte Carlo was leased. Trans World Radio now has two 100,000w short wave transmitters, one 400,000w medium wave transmitter, and one 900,000w long wave transmitter in Monte Carlo. Our own station was erected in Bonaire to take care of increasing demands across the world for religious broadcasts. The largest AM transmitter in this hemisphere is located there, this being 500,000w medium wave. There is also one 200,000w short wave transmitter and two 50,000w short wave transmitters.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color? TWR is listed with the Federal Government as a non-profit organization under Section 501-C of the Internal Revenue Code, and is operated from the funds contributed by individuals and churches. The results of broadcasting have had a tremendous impact on the lives of people across the world. Many thousands of letters are received each month from all countries in Europe and South America, and many countries in Asia and Africa. Australia is also heard from. These letters tell of new meaning which has come to lives because of the knowledge of a living God.

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Name of Company: Allsopp & Company

Address: 39 Main Street, Chatham, N. J.

Date established in Chatham: May, 1965

Officers and Titles: John G. Allsopp, Pres.
                  Lucile W. Allsopp, Vice Pres.
                  Emilie J. Gravalec, Sec-Treas

Products or Services offered: General insurance agency.

Number of employees: 5

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Our firm has been established over 50 years as insurance counselors for both commercial and personal clients.

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Because of its charm and also the fact that it was convenient to the many localities that we serve.

Did you buy business or establish it? Purchased

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

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NAME: THE ALTSCHELER AGENCY

Address: 420 MAIN STREET

Date established in Chatham:

Officers and titles:

Products or services offered: GENERAL INSURANCE AGENCY

Number of employees:

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: OWNER HAS BEEN IN THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY AS A PRODUCER, UNDERWRITER, AND COMPANY OFFICER SINCE 1939

How did you happen to come to Chatham? AFTER LIVING IN MORRIS COUNTY FOR 12 YEARS, SELECTED CHATHAM BECAUSE I LIKED THE PEOPLE AND TOWN.

Did you buy your business or establish it? ESTABLISHED IT

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers:

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Name of Company: Armath-Driscoll Agency Inc.
Address: 30, Main St.
Date established in Chatham: Dec. '65
Officers and Titles:
- Douglass Armath - Prop.
- Richard Driscoll -
- Mrs. Nunnery - Office Manager
Products or Services offered: All lines Insurancen
Number of employees: 18
Brief history of the company in Chatham:
moved from milltown
needed larger quarters
this offered better centralized location

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

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Name of Company: Stephen Brown, Inc.
Address: 42 Commerce St.
Date established in Chatham: 1933
Officers and Titles: Andrew A. Brown - Vice-President
                    Robert L. Brown - President
                    Stephen G. Brown - Sec'y and Treas.
Products or Services offered: Industrial and commercial
Real Estate
Number of employees: 3
Brief history of the company in Chatham: Started as manufacturer of concrete products and development of real estate, both residential and commercial. After 1952 developed commercial real estate properties on Commerce St.
Did you buy business or establish it: Established it
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Name of company: Bystake Realty
Address: 57 MAIN ST
Date established in Chatham: 1947
Officers and titles: JACOB BYSTAKE, owner
Products or services offered: Real Estate

Number of employees: 3
Brief history of the company in Chatham: Started as an office in Real Estate in Chatham

Previous experiences: 2 yrs living in

How did you happen to come to Chatham: Smart coasting along the R.R.

Did you buy your business or establish it? Establish

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? Haunted old dance hall with courtesy

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers?

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Name: CHARLES INSURANCE AGENCY
Address: 186 Main Street, Chatham, New Jersey
Date established in Chatham: July, 1963
Officers and titles: Edison L. Charles, Owner

Products or Services offered:
Fire, Casualty, Automobile, Liability, Life and all types of insurance.

Number of employees: One

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
Agency was formed to provide complete service for the new home buyer in this area who purchased a home through the Kopia-Charles, Realtors.

Previous experience:
Four years experience with another Insuror in Chatham, plus several years experience in all insurance matters.

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Married a local Chatham girl (Doris Mabel Longcor)

Did you buy your business or establish it?
Established business.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?
None other than those related to me by my wife and her mother and father (Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Longcor)

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers:

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MAIN ST. CHATHAM, 1845

Name of company: G. Kimball Coleman, Inc.
Address: 258 Main Street, Chatham, N.J.
Date established in Chatham: 1927
Officers and titles: G. Kimball Coleman President
                   Luther May Secretary
Products or services offered: Real Estate & Insurance,
                             Appraisals, Management.
Number of employees: Eleven

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Started 1927, have been in three locations, now have two offices one in Chatham and one in Chatham Township.
Previous experiences: Selling & Insurance Co, Home Office

How did you happen to come to Chatham? To moved here in 1901 with parents.

Did you buy your business or establish it? Establish

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? Yes

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Yes

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Name of Company: George D. Cornish Jr
Address: 3 Dempster Rd - Chatham, N. J.
Date established in Chatham: 1942
Officers and Titles:

Products or Services offered: INSURANCE

Number of employees: 1

Brief history of the company in Chatham: INSURANCE BUSINESS

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy business or establish it? ESTABLISH

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

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Name: LARRY VERNE DREW
Address: 300 MAIN STREET
Date established in Chatham: 1950
Officers and titles:

Products or services offered: REALTOR- INSUROR

Number of employees: 4

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: 37 YEARS

How did you happen to come to Chatham?

Did you buy your business or establish it? ESTABLISHED

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers:

Please do not feel limited to this sheet of paper. We are eager to gather as much information as possible about Chatham.
Name of Company: Home Life Insurance Company of New York
Address: 159 Main St., Chatham, N.J.
Date established in Chatham: March 1960
Officers and Titles:

William E. Ford
Manager

Products or Services offered:
Life insurance, group, pension, estate planning

Number of employees:
20 (Chatham office)

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
Originally started as a new agency in 1960 with 3 men - now grows to 16 full-time life underwriters - producing $1,000,000 of
life insurance per year

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Company thought it needed a prestige area and good market

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

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Name: KOPIA-CHARLES, Realtors
Address: 186 Main Street, Chatham, New Jersey
Date established in Chatham: January 1, 1967
Officers and titles: Kenneth B. Kopia and Edison L. Charles
Partners
Products or Services offered: Complete Real Estate Service, Selling, Appraisals, Multiple Listing Service, etc.
Number of employees: Five
Brief history of the company in Chatham:
Originally Domerys (Roosevelt Ave - across from William Pitt)
Mr. Kenneth B. Kopia purchased firm from Domerys.
Previous experience: Both partners are Realtors, having been in the Real Estate field for nine years.
How did you happen to come to Chatham?
Purchased the business from Domerys
Did you buy your business or establish it?
Bought
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers:

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Name of Company: George E Magley Agency
Address: 2 Main Street, Chatham
Date established in Chatham: 1950
Officers and titles: George E Magley Proprietor

Products or services offered: Real Estate & Insurance
Number of employees: Five

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
I started in a small office in my home, built a two room office in 1954 attached to my home and moved into my present 4 room office suite in 1960. Previous experience: Three years in business in East Orange.

How did you happen to come to Chatham?
I knew Chatham as a child and always liked the community.

Did you buy your business or establish it? I established it.

Did you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers?

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Name of Company: MARSAN REALTY CO., 244 Main St.

Date established in Chatham: June 18, 1963

Officers and Titles: Leon Sanchez - Partner
Janice H. Marsh - Partner

Products or Services offered: Real Estate - Insurance

Number of employees: 2

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Consider Chatham ideal location for operations as it is centered within our scope of business.

Did you buy business or establish it? Establish it.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of company: GEORGE A. McCUTCHEON
Address: 29 EAST COLEMAN AVE., CHATHAM, N.Y.
Date established in Chatham: 1957
Officers and titles: GEORGE A. McCUTCHEON, PROP.
Products or services offered: INSURANCE
Number of employees: NONE
Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: INSURANCE BROKER SINCE 1954

How did you happen to come to Chatham? DESIRABLE TOWN
Did you buy your business or establish it? ESTABLISHED 1954
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? NO

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers?

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Name of Company: Northwestern Ins. Companies

Address: 330 Main St.

Date established in Chatham: Nov. 1958

Officers and Titles:
- E. J. M. M. - Assy Mgr.
- E. W. M. - Office Mgr.

Products or Services offered: Fire and Casualty Ins.

Number of employees: 35

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:
How did you happen to come to Chatham? For many years office located in N.Y. C. In order to provide our staff with better working conditions we decided to move to Chatham. Since then every thing we did was more successful. We are more than pleased with these results.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

No.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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December 22, 1966

Mr. Edwin H. Stratford
161 Fairmount Avenue
Chatham, N. J. 07928

Dear Mr. Stratford:

Here is information about Prudential in Chatham that you may be able to use. I apologize for the delay in answering. The matter was referred to us some time ago by the new manager in Chatham, Edward J. McPartland.

The data you'll find is largely impersonal, since you can see by the comparatively recent date and the fact that the manager has changed, there is no historic and little personal information available.

If there is a more specific area in which you are interested, please call me here on 336-4692 or at home in Chatham, 635-6027.

Season's greetings.

Cordially,

Sean Moran
News Service
Public Relations & Advertising
Name of Company: The Prudential Insurance Co. of America. A mutual life insurance company, founded in Newark in 1875. Now No. 2 in size (behind Metropolitan Life) of the more than 1,700 U. S. life companies. Has more than $120 billion life insurance in force of the $980 billion U. S. total in force by all companies.

Address: Newark, N. J.

Date established in Chatham: Dec. 10, 1958

Officers and Titles: 
Edward J. McPartland, Manager

Products or Services offered:
life, health, and group insurance, annuities, group pensions.

Number of employees:

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
The office at 320 Main Street is housed in a building built for the purpose and leased in 1958 for 10 years. The office is headquarters for one of the company's many "districts," and is within the jurisdiction of Prudential's Eastern home office. Eastern home office covers metropolitan New York (Rockland and Westchester counties and all Long Island as well as the city proper), Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Washington, D. C. A district sometimes shifts location due to population shifts, growing city congestion, distance from metropolitan areas, and central convenience for the territory served.

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham?
For any of the reasons listed above, the district office was moved to Chatham from its former address in Summit. It now is known as the Chatham District.

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?
When the office opened, the amount of life insurance the office handled for the district was $88.7 million "in force" for area residents. The staff consisted of a manager, 5 staff managers, and 33 agents, plus a clerical staff. Latest figures show $163.7 million of in-force insurance, with a staff of a manager, 5 staff managers, 36 agents, and 11 clerical force.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Information provided 12/21/66 by Stan Moran, News Service, Public Relations & Advertising, Eastern Home Office, P. O. Box 594, Newark, N. J. 07101
(The Prudential Insurance Company of America)
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Address: 414 Main Street, Chatham, N.J.
Date established in Chatham: Dec. 1955
Officers and Titles: August G. Schmuhl, Pres.
Lucille T. Schmuhl, Secy.
J. Russell Pratt, V.Pres.
Products or Services offered: Real Estate - Appraisals, Sales, Mortgages.
Insurance - all lines.
Number of employees: Five
Brief history of the company in Chatham: Became Realtor member of the Morris County Board of Realtors in 1957. Instrumental in developing the new areas of Rolling Hill, Scenery Hill and Highland of Chatham.

Previous experience: Salesman with several Chatham offices.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Previous offices were located in Chatham.

Did you buy business or establish it? Established own firm.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? Yes. When the Ho Ho hot houses were located where Rolling Hill now stands and when the Mc Evoy property was subdivided where Highland of Chatham now stands.

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Address: 580 Main Street
Date established in Chatham: 1950
Officers and titles: Jason Straus Partners
Della Rutherford
Products or services offered: Real Estate Brokerage
Number of employees: Three
Brief history of the company in Chatham:
Previous experience:
How did you happen to come to Chatham? The town appealed to me
Did you buy your business or establish it? Established it
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No
REFUSE REMOVAL
TERCENTENARY HISTORY OF CHATHAM
SPONSORED BY THE CHATHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Company: J. C. Base Disposal Co.
Address: P.O. Box 74 - Florham Park N. J.
Date established in Chatham: June 1, 1964
Officers and Titles: J. C. Base - sole owner

Products or Services offered: Garbage disposal
Number of employees: 1

Brief history of the company in Chatham:
Started June 1, 1964 - Bought business from the owner Mr. Robert Miele

Previous experience: Had previous experience in Florham Park and Convent Station - before that in Westfield and Clark Township

How did you happen to come to Chatham:

Did you buy business or establish it? Bought

Bought the residential part of the Chatham Disposal Co. business from the owner Mr. Robert Miele

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local Color?

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Name of Company: Tony Carlson
Address: 15 Rivi Rd.
Date established in Chatham: 1907.
Officers and Titles: Tony Carlson

Products or Services offered: Garbage disposal

Number of employees: 8

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Father established business - I am now operates it.

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham:

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local Color?

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SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SERVICES
Name of company: William C. Campbell, Consultant

Address: P. O. Box 225, Chatham, New Jersey

Date established in Chatham: December, 1962

Officers and titles: None

Services offered: Consulting Engineer. Management of design and construction of cryogenic and industrial plants.

Number of employees: One

Brief history of the company in Chatham: All work performed at client's offices except preparation of reports, etc.

Previous experience: Management of the development engineering, construction, and operation of industrial and defense projects including isotope separation, nerve gas, and cryogenic facilities.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? To work in New York City to manage development, design and construction of nerve gas manufacturing plants in Alabama and Colorado.

Did you buy your business or establish it? Established business.

Did you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? No
Name of company: Pharmaco-Medical Documentation
Address: 9 South Passaic Avenue, Chatham, New Jersey 07928
Date established in Chatham: 1961; at present address since January, 1964.
Officers and titles: Boris R. Anzlowar, President & Technical Director
John H. Evans, Business Manager
Products or services offered: Drug research - Biomedical science information consulting and operational assistance; Biomedical Translations; Publishers of Unlisted Drugs and Unlisted Drugs on Cards.
Number of employees: Six or more (part-time included)
Brief history of the company in Chatham: Established.

Previous experience: Boris R. Anzlowar: formerly Medical Editor, Director Medical Editorial Section Eaton Laboratories; and Director of Science Information Norwich Pharmacal Co. CIBA
How did you happen to come to Chatham: Liked location.

Did you buy your business or establish it? Established.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No personal ones.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Little contact with general public. Our clients and subscribers are large drug companies in N.J. as well as all over the world; with many in Japan, Australia, Europe, etc.
Please do not feel limited to this sheet of paper. We are eager to gather as much information as possible about Chatham.
See attached.
A service organization providing consulting and operational assistance in biomedical information processing:

Comprehensive System Design

* Planning and staffing science-information units to support project-oriented clinical and basic research groups
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* Integrating mechanized and classical information-processing techniques: unit-record systems; optical coincidence (peek-a-boo) and other coordinate-index techniques; microform methods and devices; paper-tape-punching typewriters and other optimal source input for computerized systems
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Drug Information Association

Co-Chairman, International Communication Section
American Medical Writers - New York

Editorial Board, American Documentation
and other American Documentation Institute publications

Editor, ADI NY News
New York Metropolitan Chapter, American Documentation Institute

Chairman, Publications Committees
New Jersey Chapter, Special Libraries Association

Fellow, Society of Technical Writers & Publishers

Founding Member
Drug Information Association

also active member of
American Chemical Society/Chemical Literature Section
American Medical Writers' Association
American Translators' Association
Conference of Biological Editors
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Medical Libraries Association
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Institute for Scientific Information, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
National Library of Medicine/HEW - USPHS, Washington, D.C.
Pharmaceutical Section - Science and Technology Division, SLA, New York
Pharmacia A/B, Copenhagen, Denmark
Sandoz Pharmaceuticals, Hanover, New Jersey
Schering Corporation, Bloomfield, New Jersey
U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C.
Wallace Laboratories, Cranbury, New Jersey
Warner-Lambert Research Institute, Morris Plains, New Jersey
Selective bibliography - Boris R. Anzlowar


The Chatham Historical Society  
Chatham, New Jersey  
Attention: Mrs. Merritt Budd  
Dear Madam:  

The information requested concerning this business is as follows:  

Name and address: As above.  
Date Established in Chatham: October 1, 1960.  
Officers and titles: Dr. Victor B. Meyer, Owner and Director.  
Products or services offered: Consulting chemist in area of latex emulsion resins.  
Number of employees: 2.  
Brief history: Trade name registered September 27, 1960 (Morris County clerk). Laboratory established in October, 1960. Since December, 1960, engaged primarily in latex paint vehicle research and development.  

How happened to come to Chatham?: Located suitable site for laboratory.  
Buy business or establish it?: Established.  
Reminiscences or anecdotes of older Chatham?: No.  

Very truly yours,  

Victor B. Meyer
The Chatham Historical Society

Name of company: CHATHAM SHOE REPAIR
Address: 244 MAIN STREET
          CHATHAM, N. J.
Date established in Chatham: 1963, June
Officers and titles: Alfonso Cassetta
Products or services offered: Leather Goods Repair
Number of employees: 1
Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: 20 yrs. in trade in Italy

How did you happen to come to Chatham? Knew shop was for sale and liked the town.
Did you buy your business or establish it? Bought it.
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? No.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? No.

Please do not feel limited to this sheet of paper. We are eager to gather as much information as possible about Chatham.
Name of Company: Burling Instrument Company
Address: 16 River Road
Date established in Chatham: 1954
Officers and Titles: Herbert S. Burling - Pres.
H. Sherman Burling Jr - Sec.-Treas
Marjorie H. Burling - Vice-President
Products or Services offered: Industrial Temperature Controls
Number of employees: 18

Brief history of the company in Chatham: Moved to Chatham in 1954. At that time it purchased land on River Road and built a 45'x 65' one-story office and plant. An addition of 40'x45' was added in 1961. From 6 employees in 1954, the company has grown to 18 today.

Previous experience:
12 years in Newark and 7 in South Orange

How did you happen to come to Chatham?
Liked town and found industrial land available

Did you buy business or establish it?
Moved it from South Orange

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?
The Vice-President, Marjorie H. Burling (nee Marjorie Kelley) grew up in Chatham and was the daughter of Chatham's 2nd Mayor.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Business Questionnaire

C/O MR. EDWIN H. STRATFORD
161 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE
CHATHAM, NEW JERSEY

On the reverse side is a questionnaire devised to give the Chatham Historical Society the essential data about “Chatham’s Business Community”.

This information will be, when completed, permanently on file in the Chatham Public Library as a personal inventory of your business and its place in Chatham.

Secondly, it will comprise the data needed for local commercial activity in John T. Cunningham’s forthcoming new History of Chatham. This is scheduled for publication shortly after the first of the year.

Your Chamber of Commerce has generously offered to underwrite this mailing and asks if you will please fill in the blanks and return in the self-addressed enclosed envelope.

We would appreciate the favor of an immediate reply as time is of the essence.
Name of Company: 
Address: Chatham Controls.
32 Park Road
195?

Date established in Chatham: Company has just changed hands.

Officers and Titles: 

Products or Services offered: Make a specialized line of mantarized hemostats.

Number of employees: 1.

Brief history of the company in Chatham: 

Previous experience: 

How did you happen to come to Chatham:

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local Color?: 

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TRANSPORTATION
Name of Company: Chatham Express
Address: 48 Amhurst Ave
Date established in Chatham: August 1919
Officers and Titles: George Pharo, Jr.
Products or Services offered: Moving, Storage, Express, Packaging, Shipping
Number of employees: 10
Brief history of the company in Chatham:
I had an idea of going into business in 1917-18 when I returned from the Army of World War I. I received my discharge in April 1919. I decided to buy a 5 Ton truck and load it to work around the city and started trucking from Chatham and Newark NJ to New York City and back to Chatham and a few years later started moving more or less in trucking and freight with a lighter truck. In 1927 I built a garage on Linden St. and we are at the same place on Fenwick St. on Linden St. all on the same block.
Previous experience: Repairing and reconditioning

How did you happen to come to Chatham: Newark NJ
Did you buy business or establish it: Established it
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham: Yes
On the move: Trucking, Express, and Moving about Storage, Linen storage and Zapo Cafe.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local Color?

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My business kept on growing and my heart failed from fatigue. I needed a teacher and the salary was small, so I took him as a partner in business the year of 1950 and to this day, in 1966, we have treated each other with the best we can. We have one large cow, two medium cows, one half ox, and perhaps a Station Wagon for running around and estimate work.
Name of Company: Melni Bus Service, Inc.
Address: 29 River Road
Date established in Chatham: 1951
Officers and Titles: Carl Helmi, Pres.
W. J. Boné, Asst.
Products or Services offered: Operate school buses and buses for charter
Number of employees: 3.3 (some part time)
Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham:

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: K. D. Leasing T/A. Chisman 76
                       Robinson Industries
                       (Truck Leasing)
Address:                                                         
Date established in Chatham:                                     2 years 0-
Officers and Titles:                                            
Ken Robinson - Pres.
Robinson Industries-
Products or Services offered:                                   Lease Truck - Freight transfer
                                                                  Trucking Business-
Number of employees:                                             5-8
Brief history of the company in Chatham:                         30 vehicles - trailers/tractors
                                                                  Trucking mostly leasing -
                                                                  Some trucking just started in this phase
Previous experience:                                             
How did you happen to come to Chatham?                         Owner heard of amount
                                                                  decided to locate in Chatham
Did you buy business or establish it?                           So established
Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?             
Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local color?

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Name of Company: De Witt Construction Co.
Address: 43 Summit Av.
Date established in Chatham: 1957
Officers and Titles: D. Witzel - Prop.

Products or Services offered: Masonry & Waterproofing

Number of employees:

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham:

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local Color?

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Name of Company: Luminio Co of N. J.
Address: 31 River Rd.
Date established in Chatham: 1930-
Officers and Titles:

Products or Services offered: Waterproofing
Number of employees: 10

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience:

How did you happen to come to Chatham:

Did you buy business or establish it?

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham?

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers? Local Color?

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Name of company: Pioneer Waterproofing Co.
Address: 55 N. Passaic Ave, Chatham, N.J.
Date established in Chatham: Feb. 1963
Officers and titles: Harold A. Sheats, owner

Products or services offered: Waterproofing, building restoration, sand blasting, vitreous wall coatings.
Number of employees: 5

Brief history of the company in Chatham:

Previous experience: Sixteen years.

How did you happen to come to Chatham? born on Main St., Chatham.

Did you buy your business or establish it? establish.

Do you have personal reminiscences of older Chatham? yes.

Interesting anecdotes or experiences with customers?

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Bus Service
In February, 1928 the first bus of the Morris County lines came through Chatham bringing to an end the era of the trolley car. The trolleys had gone through Chatham since approximately 1900, and now were replaced by a better and faster method of transportation. Busses were more efficient. They were not limited to the center of the main streets. Through franchises they could be routed over streets to where they would be more convenient to the public. Many people disliked seeing the trolleys go, but had to admit the bus was a better means of transportation.

These first vehicles were big and quite clumsy. They were manufactured by American Car and Foundry. They seated thirty-six people. The seats were leather, and stuffed with horse hair. They were powered by a six cylinder gasoline engine and were clutch and gear shift. In some of the original busses the gears were not synchro-mesh and it was a days work for any driver. In some models there were only two wheel brakes, and these were metal to metal. Whenever the brakes were applied, and this was quite often, the noise was terrific. Many times, when drivers had to make a sudden stop the shoes would actually weld to the brake drum.

They were elliptical spring suspended and this did not make a smooth ride. The 'Bone Shakers' as they were called, were not heated. In the middle of winter it was not uncommon to see the driver bundled up in a heavy overcoat, fur lined gloves, mufflers and ear muffs, anything at all to try and keep warm. They were a far cry from our heated, air conditioned, air ride and reclining chair type of today.

Road conditions were a problem too. In the winter many towns were not equipped to clear the streets of ice and snow. The busses going through Chatham had a fairly easy time of it, being that Main Street was a state highway, it was usually plowed but not as well as it is today. Many nights and even some days drivers would be sent out to man the company plows and salt trucks. Although this paid extra time, it was all done by hand and it was not easy for the depot master to get the men and bus drivers to go out for in the early days of motormen and bus drivers a days work was between ten and twelve hours long.

In the days of the two-wheel brakes, an icy street was a nightmare. Down hill on ice you forgot all about the two-wheel brakes, down shifted into a lower gear and hoped for the best. In my own experiences I have had them turn completely around, not once but three times. We have a saying: "Get the front end through and the back end will take care of itself.''}
Rainy weather also presented a problem. The air pressure in the tires ranged from sixty-five to eighty pounds. The heat of the tire would also raise the pressure and thus made the tires extremely hard. The first brake application and the bus would slide all over the street. Needless to say, this would make for a few quick prayers.

The engines were up front and being gasoline powered you had a problem of fumes. It was always necessary to check the exhaust carefully. In the winter with the windows shut, you had the problem of people becoming ill and passing out. Many people along the line today will tell you it was quite an experience to ride from Chatham to Newark under these conditions.

In 1929 Public Service Co-ordinated Transport purchased the old Morris County Lines. Most men were absorbed by the new company. Some stayed on with the buses, others transferred to Hilton Garage in Maplewood, New Jersey and went back to operating trolleys along Springfield Avenue. Others sought other employment.

An advantage of the new company was new equipment. They were still A.C.F.'s but had four wheel brakes and compressed air shock absorbers. The ride was somewhat smoother, but it was necessary for the driver to pull into gas stations and replenish the air in the shock absorbers. The metal to metal brakes were replaced with an asbestos composition brake lining and this made a much smoother and quieter stop. The exhaust system was improved upon and eliminated to a great extent fumes entering the bus. In 1933 and 1934 large heaters were installed in the front of the buses. It was much more comfortable for the driver and for the passengers riding in the forward part but not so in the rear. It was just as cold. I often think that this is why people would not move to the rear even today.

In 1937 a new type bus was purchased by the company. Manufactured by Yellow Truck and Coach Company in Pontiac, Michigan, they were the latest in comfort and driving ease. The engine was in the rear but still gasoline powered. The seats, although not recliners, were high back with a tapestry type cover. They were still spring suspended but were equipped with hydraulic shock absorbers. These were quite smooth riding and did very well in bringing the public to ride these buses on long trips.

Later in the thirties a still newer type was added. Again they were Yellow Coaches but diesel electric powered. These buses only seated 36 people and this was the bus that operated through Chatham in the war years. They were not as long as the old type of bus and could be maneuvered through traffic very easily. These buses stayed in service until November of 1946 when they were replaced by diesel powered hydraulic drive buses. They were a city type bus and not very popular on a long ride. These were in service until 1952.
In 1952, the company again purchased a new fleet. This type was air conditioning. At first, the air conditioning unit posed some problems but these were soon worked out. It was a much more pleasant ride for the passenger. In many cases, people would let a bus that was not air conditioned go by and wait for one that was. This is the fleet that is in service through Chatham today.

In the early days, many people depended on trolleys or buses for transportation. Not everyone owned a car, and therefore, traffic was not too much of a problem. Originally, service to Newark from Chatham was about every fifteen minutes by bus. With the coming of more automobiles, traffic became a serious problem. Headways or schedules were becoming more difficult to maintain. This had a definite effect on bus transportation, not only in Chatham but throughout the state. More people used cars and as always, when this happens, transportation suffers. As the revenue fell off, service was curtailed and now the service through Chatham is about every forty-five minutes to Newark or Morristown. During the peak hours, service is approximately every twenty minutes. There is still some express service during the peak hours, but it is very small if compared to the early days of the bus.

The cost of buying new equipment is a very serious problem. In years gone by, a new bus would cost approximately five thousand dollars. These vehicles were made of heavy gauge steel and built to last for many years. The modifications on them were slow in coming and when they did come in most cases they were installed in the old buses.

In this day and age of modern design, it is a very difficult story. New buses are almost ten times as expensive as they were in the early years. Today, the riding public must be taken into consideration, where before, they were not. Safety demands, by the State and Federal Governments are always a first. Comfort for the riding public is also a first, and last but not least, the driver. In today's buses what with power steering, power brakes, air conditioning and rest rooms, many, many problems have been overcome. To drive a bus today, especially the "Over-the-Road" type is indeed a pleasure. The chief drawback today is the other fellow on the road with you. This not only pertains to driving buses but your car too.

Chatham is the hometown of several men employed by Public Service. Mr. Philip Oney of the Chatham Police Force and I drove together for quite a few years as did Mr. Wesley Pollard, Sr. Mr. Gilbert Bell has thirty-eight years of service behind him. He has driven all the different types of buses mentioned. Mr. Frederick Thompson who is now with the company's Inspection Department, and I drove together for quite awhile.
It is many times a question to me of why I ever started driving busses. I dare say the same question has entered Mr. Bell’s mind but we are still at it. It is not any easy endeavor. Not only traffic, which is a serious problem, but the riding public as well. A very great many people think the bus driver is someone to take their feelings out on. This attitude only makes for bad feelings. A very serious problem that exists today is when a motorist wishes to make a left or right turn across traffic, he will wait until the bus gets to the intersection, and regardless of the distance between the front of the bus and the vehicle, they will make their turn. This type of driving has caused many serious accidents. Many times after going through this 'near hit' experience, you look in your rear view mirror and there is no one behind you for several blocks. One more minute of waiting and the turn could be executed in a safe manner. As a word of advice to the reader, the average sized bus weighs about 21,750 pounds, almost eleven tons, with a seated load they are almost 13½ tons. It is an impossibility to stop these vehicles short on this weight factor. Accidents do not happen, they are caused. Caution and being alert at all times is the only way to drive in this day of speed.

The question now comes up: 'Where do we go from here?'. It is common knowledge among transportation people that the 'Curb Knockers' is on the way out. Will it be high speed trains or will it be monorail type service. These are being experimented with today. Some companies are experimenting with a standard type bus, to which a railroad type set of wheels are attached. The bus is put on the railroad tracks, the rail type wheels are lowered by a hydraulic system to engage the rail and the bus is then capable of traveling over the railroad tracks. This is not a new idea, it was used successfully by Public Service in 1914 between Milltown and Trenton and Bayway and Bonhampton and between Hadden Heights and Clementon, all on private rights of way. The only difference from the present version is that the front and rear tires rode on the rails and the bus was guided by steel flanged wheels riding ahead of and behind each bus wheel. The wheels were raised and lowered by hand through a screw arrangement. They were eventually replaced by conventional busses on parallel highways and were eventually laid to rest. Were they? It may still be a form of rapid transportation in the very near future.

As bigger and better shopping centers are built on the highways many businesses move to them and the downtown shoppers must move out with them. Unless there is bus service to these centers, a car is very necessary and with a car no one uses the bus. In some instances, through an agreement with the center and the company some service is established. It may well be that in the not too distant future a lot of service will be abolished. The commuter rush hour will always be with us however, and some service will still operate at these times.
Tours and charter work are becoming more and more popular. Many schools in the area plan field trips well in advance to assure themselves of a bus when they want it. April, May, and June are the most popular months. The tour may be as long as one day or as many as seven. Most all companies have some sort of a package deal they can give to an organization. It not only includes transportation to and from but hotels, meals and guided tours. Some tours may be a month or more long. These tours are very popular with senior citizen groups. This part of the business is becoming very competitive. It may very well become the bigger money maker for a company, then the local bus service.

Each generation, or decade brings something new. I grew up with the trolleys. Although I never operated them, I took many a "rattle" on one. The buses to me were the future. I took many rides on them, both local and "over the road". To me a bus driver was an "Eagle", a man to get to know very well. In years gone by the bus driver was always willing to give advice to the young driver. This should still be so today unfortunately it is not.

As in any other trade or profession which ever you may wish to call it there is a jargon. Some of it goes like this: If the bus is late he is "in the bag" or "in the soup". If the bus is ahead of schedule he is "running hot" or "running sharp". The bus is referred to as a "rig". The direction the bus is going in is either "up" or "down". When the bus is over crowded we say the passengers are "hanging on the paint". Your driver's license is your "ticket". The particular run you work is a "job". An express trip is a "hop". A man with a reputation for speeding is a "hot rodder". An accident is referred to as "bang". A driver who deliberately passes up people is "going up the white line". A complaint is a "squawk". Inspectors are referred to as "spooks". The public utility inspector is referred to as "the Gestapo". The garage is a "car house" or "barn". To pass another bus is "to loop it". When a driver goes very slow he is "dragging the road" or "floating". When you make a trip from the garage to a starting point, you are "dead heading". When an extra bus is put ahead of a regular scheduled bus you are "double heading". There are many more too numerous to mention. When people overhearing bus drivers talking among themselves, they must wonder what in the world they are talking about.

From here where do we go? What will the system of public transportation be. Time and time along will tell.

Albert E. Pike

AEP:jp

Note: Mr. Pike included a copy of a trade publication called Transport News published at Maplewood N. J. dated September 1967. This will be found in the Historical Society files.
Albert Edward Pike

Born in Morristown, New Jersey on November 28, 1919; son of an English father and an Irish mother. The family also consisted of three sisters, one older and two younger.

Raised in Morristown, he attended Morristown High School in June, 1940.

He married Grace Eiltzer in February of 1946 in the Church of the Assumption in Morristown. Settling first in Convent, New Jersey, he moved to Chatham in April of 1951.

Mr. Pike and his wife and their three children still reside at 19 Bridge Street. His oldest daughter Judi Ann attended Saint Patrick School and graduated from Chatham High School in June, 1966. Son, Robert John attends Chatham Middle School and his youngest daughter Grace Jill attends Saint Patrick School.

He has been a bus driver for Public Service Co-ordinated Transport for twenty-one years. In May of last year he was awarded a gold watch for twenty consecutive years of driving without a chargeable accident.

He is a member of Saint Patrick's Church, the Saint Patrick's Holy Name Society and Parcells Council, Knights of Columbus here in Chatham. He is also a member of the Amalgamated Transit Union. He has driven the Chatham Women's Club to many of their luncheons and theater parties for almost twenty years.

He served with 695 Armored Field Artillery during World War II. He was honorably discharged on October 15, 1945 after four years of service.

19 Bridge Street
Cabinet Makers
The earliest records concerning cabinet makers in Chatham, N.J. available at this time are found in a publication of the Newark Museum, "Early Furniture in N.J.", 1670-1870. This was published in 1958 in connection with an exhibition of early N.J. furniture assembled under the direction of Miss Margaret E. White, then curator of Decorative Arts at the Museum.

The following names appear (the CC indicates U.S. Government N.J. Census)

Gustave Bregnor, Cabinet Maker in Chatham, Morris County. Born in France ca. 1803. CC 1850.

Richard T. Brown, Cabinet Maker in Chatham, Morris County. Born in England, 1822. Real Estate value in 1850 at $1,000.00 CC 1850.

Timothy Day, evidently a cabinet maker in Chatham, Morris County. Had a notice in The New Jersey Journal, February 13, 1782, that he was prepared to supply any kind of furniture, including dining and tea tables, chairs, cupboards.

David Miller, cabinet maker in Chatham, Morris County. The inventory of his estate, taken February 1815, lists unfinished bureaus, fancy chairs, cabinet mountings. Inventory filed in The Joseph Down Manuscript Library, Winterthur.

Stephen B. Wilkinson, cabinet maker in Chatham, Morris County. Born in N.J., 1801. His property was valued at $3,000 in 1850. CC1850.
Quoting from Miss White, "Most of the early furniture makers of N.J. combined various occupations. They were farmers, fishermen, carpenters, broom makers, undertakers."

The next information we have of a Chatham cabinet maker comes from Miss Harriet Trowbridge, now living at 525 Main St., Chatham. Her great grandfather, (Elias B. Sturges, 1803-1882, lived in the house next to the William Pitt on Main St. He was a cabinet maker and funeral director. Many of the cabinet makers of those days combined the two businesses. Elias B. Sturges and his wife, Eliza, (1792-1883) had four children; Harriet, Mary, Benjamin and one other son. Elias and Eliza Sturges are buried in the Chatham cemetery.

Harriet married Harvey M. Lum (his first wife) and had one daughter by this marriage, Margaretta Drake Lum, who married John A. Trowbridge. Miss Harriet Trowbridge is their daughter. She does not remember her great grandfather, but well remembers her great grandmother, for after his death, she lived and died at the Trowbridge house. Miss Harriet Trowbridge has in her possession a mahogany side board made by her great grandfather. A photograph of this appears in the folder labeled "Antiques."

The next record that we have been able to locate is from the Madison Eagle- June 27, 1885- and is an advertisement as follows:
George W. Edwards
The Chair Bottomer-
Deals in
Toys, Confections, Soda Water,
Sarsaparilla, Ginger Ale, Raspberry Soda,
Root beer, also.
Oysters, clams and vegetables.
Sandwiches and Boiled eggs.
Cigars, cigarettes, tobacco, etc., etc.
Next door to Garrison's Bakery
Chatham, N.J.

This advertisement is in agreement with the Newark Museum article stating that cabinet makers were often engaged in other businesses as well. A "chair bottomer" was a term used to indicate not only rush and cane work, but also upholstering.

(1839 - 1914)

We find mention of George W. Edwards again in the Madison Eagle of October 2, 1896, when "thieves entered the upholstery shop of George W. Edwards one night last week, stealing several of his tools and making a general wreck of the interior." Note that in 1896 he is referred to as an upholsterer.

The Newark Museum booklet states further "sometimes the cabinet makers trade was handed down from father to son during several generations of one family." Such was the case with the Edwards family, for family tradition says that the trade came with them to America from Swansea, Wales in 1641.
In 1927 Mr. Fritz Bauer from Leipzig, Germany, where he worked as a cabinet maker, came to Chatham and set up as a cabinet maker on Bower’s Lane. There he conducted business until 1955, at which time he moved his shop to Route 10 between Morris Plains and Dover, where he is currently in the cabinet business.

There are currently three other upholstery and furniture repair businesses in Chatham. Reports from them are included in this folder. They are:

A. Schmitz, 7 N. Passaic
   Established in 1930 - Upholsterer and Fabrics

Mario J. Mariani
   Established in 1955 - Antique restoring, buying and selling

Pleasant Way Upholstery, 60 Main Street
   Established in 1955

Note:

Following the death of William A. Edwards in 1919, his wife, Elizabeth, carried on the chair caning end of the business with the help of her children (10 in number, most of whom learned chair caning at an early age) until 1947.
Garl F. Edwards, who currently operates Carl's Furniture Shop at 6 South Passaic Ave. is a grandson of George W. Edwards. His father, William A. Edwards, (1867-1919) worked for some years at Long's furniture repair shop in Summit. Later he worked as a railroader by day and on his own as upholsterer and furniture repairer at night, in the lower part of a barn on the premises at 62 South Passaic Ave.

His Mother's (Elizabeth) father, Chris Kunzman, born in Baden-Baden, Germany, was also a cabinet maker.

Carl F. Edwards, born in Chatham in 1905, does not lay claim to the title "cabinet maker." (The art of making furniture by hand has almost completely vanished except for those who engage in it as a hobby. After the 1850-1860's, when factory made furniture first appeared, a man would find it extremely difficult to make a living as an old time cabinet maker.) He conducts an upholstery and repair shop, specializing in antique restoration, and currently has three employees, one of whom, in keeping with family tradition is his brother, Robert.

He started his own shop in Madison in 1933, and was located there until 1945. From 1945-1947 he was located in the old Renniger (later, Kutcher) blacksmith shop at 41 North Passaic Ave. (the present location of the Chatham Auto Repair Shop, operated by William Kelly)

Since 1947 he has been located at 6 South Passaic Ave.
Carl F. Edwards

Born in Chatham on North Passaic Ave., October 5 1905 one of ten children.
Educated Chatham Public Schools.
Left school at age 14 to help support family after fathers death. Worked as grocery clerk, later in postal service, 1928 finished training in upholstery and cabinet trade.
Started own business in Madison 1923. Moved back to Chatham 1945. Rented old Renniger (later known as Kutchers) blacksmith shop, which had been converted by Anthony Cappola to serve as a store, the building was sold to Dewey Stewart 1947 and resold to Bill Kelley a few months later. Moved to Wolfe Building annex June 1947 occupied second floor till October 1968, Moved to present location October 1968, 14 Prospect St. Madison. Residence 548 Main Street Chatham.
Hobby- Collecting and restoring old clocks and occasional antiques, The study of antiques.

Family
Great Grandfather William A. Edwards (Furniture Maker)
Pittsfield Mass.
Great Grandmother (name unknown)
Grandfather George W. Edwards 1839-1913 (chair bottomer upholsterer)
Grandmother Elizabeth Swain (Relative of Dr. Swain of Summit and Chatham)
Grandfather Christopher Kunzmann, Baden Baden, Germany (cabinet maker, House trimmer)
Grandmother Mary Wahl (related to the Wahl family of Summit and New Providence)

Father William A. Edwards Dec. 18 1866 - Oct. 22 1919
(Born Port Jervis N.Y. - upholsterer - railroader)
Mother Elizabeth Kunzmann Dec. 6 1874 - Jun. 5 1966
(Born North Plainfield)

Brothers and sisters
2. Mary Searles (1 Child) Jan. 29 1898
3. George D.
4. Adaline Barles (1 Child) Mary 16 1901 - May 29 1959
5. John N. (Child) Deceased
6. Ruth Siebel (1 Child) July 1 1903
7. Elizabeth W. (Deceased) Deceased
8. Patrick Johnston (2 Children)
9. Carl F.
10. Ruth Amerman (Child) Oct. 5 1905
11. Robert H.
12. Harry L.
13. Helen Wulfers (4 Children)
14. Emma May
16. Bert H.
17. Mildred Brockie (3 Children) Aug 9 1915 - July 30 1963
18. Sept 22 1918
Carl Edwards

548 Main Street
Campfire Girls
Focahontas Camp Fire Girls, Chatham, New Jersey, 1914

Ina Pihlman (chibiabos—musician) Secretary

Charter granted by Camp Fire Girls of America, March 1914

Original members: (girls 12-15)

(Anna Ogden, Waywaytaysee, Guardian
(Ruth Ogden, Wopomeo (changed to Nawadaha) F*
(Marian Miller, Wawa
(Helen Sayre, Oweense
(Ina Pihlman, Chibiabos (musician), secretary F

Later members:

Cordelia Strong, Paupaukewis F
Grace Smith, Wenonah (changed to White Flame) F
Elizabeth Lum, Owaissa F
Edna Pihlman, Minnehaha Torch Bearer
Louise Duchamp, Wewoka F
Bessie Roper, Sungrow F
Florence Munn, Minnatoska F

Motto and cheer: Wohelo—Work, health, love

The Law of the Camp Fire:

"Seek beauty
Give service
Pursue knowledge
Be trustworthy
Hold on to health
Glorify work
Be happy."

Wood-sfather—silver ring
*Fire-makers—silver bracelet (wohelo)
Torch-Bearer—silver pin
Guardian
Secretary's Notes (abridged)

1914
June. We had our pictures taken at the Parker Studio in Morristown. Visited Washington's Headquarters and took snaps in front of the famous old cannon.

July. Camping trip Croton-on-the-Hudson, New York. Grand council fire at Mount Airy with the Kimelo Camp Fire Group. I (chibiabos) received a special white bead for being the neatest camper.

September. Another trip to Croton. We bunk in an old barn instead of tents.

October 19. The girls hiked to Merritt Budd's new house on Passaic Ave.

October 26. A masquerade party at Jacobus' on Main Street where Edna and the smart set used to attend "Cotillons".

October 27. We visited Mr. Vanderpool's museum in the tower of the castle.

November. Sewed for the Red Cross.

1915
May 3. Council of the "Song Moon" in our fields near Falconer's greenhouses. Had cake, cocoa, cherries, roasted hot dogs and toasted marshmallows. Came back to the house and danced, and Henry (Pihlman) played the bello for us.

May 17. Evening of Indian and Camp Fire Songs, Ogden Memorial Presbyterian Church. The boys helped us decorate with dogwood and Indian blankets. Miss Eastman, noted interpreter of Indian songs sang. She looked charming in a white deerskin costume trimmed with blue and red beads.

Quote from Chatham Press, May 1915:

".... Miss Eastman's father, Dr. Charles Eastman, is a famous lecturer, author, and was formerly director of Washington and Baltimore Boy Scout Camp. His books "Indian Boyhood" and "The Soul of the Indian" are in our library. The Eastmans now have a very attractive "School of the Woods" at Granite Lake, New Hampshire, where they offer
Pocahontas Camp Fire Girls

a fine physical training to young girls. Miss Eastman has also taught swimming and folk dancing. She will dress in the ceremonial costume of the Sioux Indian. Cake and Day's ice cream will be on sale afterwards for the benefit of the Silver Bay Missionary Conference Fund.

July 18. Camp Fire Picnic at the Old Mill. Our guests were Fred Dusenbury, Jim Coleman, Clara Wolfe, Stuart Richmond, Leslie Schroeder, Pier Munn and Philip Trowbridge.

September. Our tennis court that we made mostly by ourselves seems to be a gathering place for everybody. All the Camp Fire Girls are welcome. Frank Mead, and even Richie Cohen (only five) and Bobby Hall come with their tiny tennis rackets.

September. Camping trip to Camp Annung (see picture), North Water Gap, Pa.

November 2, The Camp Fire Girls gave Roll Kelley a skimmerton.

Elective Honors

Blue beads. Nature Lore
Identify and describe 20 wildflowers.
Aster, daisy, wildrose, violets, goldenrod, ladies' tobacco, columbine, etc.
15 more identified at Water Gap, Pa: silverrod, everlasting, turtle-head, blue lobelia, moth-mullein, foxglove, purple geradia, cardinal flower, wild phlox, harebell, iron-weed, closed gentian, wood or yellow sorrel, yarrow, pale jewel-weed, orange jewel-weed, white snake-root, hog peanut, rough hawk-weed, purple loose-strife.

Red beads. Health—Colds. Be free from every indication of a cold for 2 consecutive months between October and April.

Regularity - Not miss work or school because of ill health or headaches for 3 consecutive months.
Mountain climbing - Make an ascent of 2000 feet and return to the starting level. Mount Minsi
Mount Tammany
Bicycle - Bicycle 40 miles in any 5 days.
Tramping - Walk 40 miles in any 10 days.
Folk dancing - Know any 5 standard folk dances.

Flame beads. **Home Craft**—Prepare eggs in 4 different ways.
Yellow beads. **Business**—For not borrowing money or articles of wearing apparel for 2 months.

Red, white and blue **Patriotism**—Attend a service 10 Sabbaths in 5 months. Commit to memory the preambles to the Constitution, Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address, and the first two paragraphs of the Declaration of Independence. Commit and recite 1000 lines of standard poetry.

Brown beads. **Camp Craft**—Take proper care of tent for one week.

From brochure "Camp Fire Girls of America":
"Self-support is an important principle of self-respect. The ability to support one’s self promotes sturdiness of character and clearness of vision. There is no one respect in which girls and women need new opportunity and incentive as in connection with money matters. The world is demanding more and more that women shall know about money—how to earn it, how to keep and how to spend it wisely.

It is thus partly in order to help meet this tremendous educational need that the Camp Fires are to earn money and pay dues to support their own work. Usually money earned by women’s organizations is given to charity—this is splendid, but one’s first obligation is toward self-support. Self-support should come before charity; otherwise we become objects of charity. The first opportunity of the Camp Fire Girls is to support their own work and then to help every good work that they can."
We have tried very hard. Thanks to Waywaytaysee, our wonderful guardian. We hope we have been successful. Wohelo.

(Signed) Chibiabos (Ina Pihlman) 1915

REMINISCENCES

Women's Suffragists
(From my "log")
June 29, 1915 - Went to a suffragist meeting at Mrs. Ralph Lum's with Edna and Mrs. W. (Rose) Hamblen. A woman who had been at the Peace Conference at the Hague gave a very interesting talk on "The War and the Vote". Refreshments were served.
September 17, 1915 - Mother went to a suffrage meeting in the evening. She is especially interested because Finland, her native country (but she is an American citizen), was one of the first countries to give women the right to vote. (1906, I think.)

Note: Autobiographical sketch and picture of Miss Pihlman will be found under "Music".
Carpenters
VAN SANT BROTHERS
CARPENTERS

Israel Lum, upon removal in 1940 of a piece of backband (moulding) from the present Board of Education building on Main Street there was an exposed "Israel Lum, 1863" written on a casing in pencil.

Isaac Bird, who according to a December 2, 1887 issue of The Madison Eagle walked to Plainfield to work.

George Lum

Thomas J. Joyce, who lived on Oliver Street (from O. C. Conwell Census)

Harvey Lum, (father of the first Borough mayor). Some of the plans of the Vanderpoel Castle bear his name and are in the archives of the Chatham Historical Society.

Merritt Lum

Clarence Baldwin, father of our member, Howard Baldwin

James Whitton, who was one of the first in this area to use an electric saw.

William Broadwell

Owen R. Brown

Stephen R. Brown, son of Owen, a former mayor, who later manufactured cinder blocks. He developed Commerce Street, an industrial community. He lives on Inwood Road

J. Emery Brown, son of Owen, is a partner of Stephen in Stephen R. Brown Inc, present owners of most of the buildings on Commerce Street. He lives on Watchung Avenue.

Robert F. Brown, son of Emery lives in the Township.

Henry Ortman, father-in-law of J. Emery Brown, now living on Watchung Avenue

Wilton Carley, who built several houses in the first block of North Hillside Avenue and kept a horse and wagon at 31 North Hillside Avenue, where he lived.
CARPENTERS
VAN SANT BROTHERS

Floyd Carley son of Wilton

Floyd Carley, Jr. who is now a Captain on the police force. He later established the Walters Fuel and Lumber Co.
He is now retired and lives on Hillside Avenue.

Fred L. Walters, Jr. runs the lumber yard and "Cash and Carry" store for "Do It Yourself" customers. He lives on Hillside Avenue.

Charles Woodruff who now lives in Florida

George Haley

Fred Trowbridge

John Smith

George J. Collins, who until his illness was Building Inspector and now lives on Lafayette Avenue

Lin Cyphers, who lived on Kings Road

Daniel Hopper who lived on Main Street where the Good Deal Store is located

Daniel Hopper, Jr. lives on Van Doren Avenue and is now employed at Walters Fuel & Lumber Co.

Richard Reed

Hans Christensen

Grant Littell

Gustaf I Pihlman

Erastus Belcher now lives at Jersey shore

Charles Weigand
Eugene Kemble

Conrad Kemble, son of Eugene, lives on Summit Ave.

Stephen Bartow, who lives on Western Avenue

James Rawling

Edward Weary now living in Florida

David Weary, son of Edward, who is employed by Partlon and Brown

Leander M. Ford who is retired and lives on North Summit Avenue

Ralph C. Ford, brother of Leander, lives on Center Street

John Gehrings lived on Main Street

Winfield Lakin

William Hendershot

Homer Hoesley is now building at the Jersey shore

George Sarno

John Bell who lived in one of the first houses built on Gerard Avenue

William Reed lived on Garde Avenue

Walter Specht whose widow lives on Watchung Avenue

Christopher Lerch

Frank Heater whose widow lives on Fuller Avenue

Arthur Berg

Henry A. Berg, son of Arthur lives on Hillside Avenue
Frank Vosseller now lives in Summit

Robert Donnelly now operates a ski resort in New England

Leo Tylecki lives on North Hillside Avenue

Etilio Aiazzone Center Avenue

Charles E. Talmage Chestnut Street

Robert J. Henrick Weston Avenue

Harold L. Partlon Lafayette Place

Harry Smith

Raymond F. Brink, son of the present Chief of Police lives on Hedges Ave.

Louis Melluso now living in New Providence

C.B. Spivey Lafayette Avenue

Oscar Knapp

James McNany

Theodore H. Blatt now living in Chatham Township

Fred Ellers lives on Ellers Drive

Albert Lanterman

Edward Orem lives on Coleman Avenue

J. Oscar Williams

Alexander Caplan whose office is on Main Street
CARPENTERS #5

VAN SANT BROTHERS

Andrew Lissey    Hillside Avenue

W. Carey Van Sant    North Hillside Avenue - He and brother David B. Van Sant are from the same generation as Carey. Vincent Kane, Carey's brother who now lives in North Carolina

David B. Van Sant, Carey's brother who now lives in North Carolina

Vincent Kane    Hillside Avenue
Addenda to Carpenters

by Committee after report was rec'd

Note from Florence T. Lum: "Cousin Elmer found me another carpenter.

Mr. Charles Gannum: He lived up on the hill and was tall and slender, I can remember him when I was a small child."

Also from Florence T. Lum:

Mr. Morrill Lum: Had a very nice home where the Esso Station is; he also built the front half of this house I'm living in when I was about 3 years old.

A. F. Bruen, Main St. That name came from a Morris County Atlas, 1866. The Atlas was my uncle's. I am proud to have it.

John A. Trowbridge: Miss Harriet Trowbridge's Father. Her two brothers were carpenters too.

Alfred H. Trowbridge

C. Lyndon Trowbridge

George E. Lum: my husband's Father. The Trowbridges and Father Lum all lived in upper Main Street.

Harvey H. Lum: He was Miss H. Trowbridge's grandfather and taught John A. Trowbridge his trade. They had a shop on the corner where the Woman's Club is now.


Edward Lantz, a carpenter, 1881. His wife a dressmaker.


John O'Hara, carpenter. His two daughters, Belle and Anna still live in the old home.
W. Carey Van Sant - Builder

Born in Maryland 1904.
Moved to New Jersey 1923.
Grammar School - Newark Preparatory School.
Fawcett School of Industrial Art (Architecture).
Apprenticeship in carpentry - Montclair.
Founded building business - W. Carey Van Sant - 1925, Bloomfield Married Winnie Rowland 1928
Daughter Miriam - three grandchildren.
Moved to Madison for employment with Dugan Bros. 1932.
Moved to Chatham and re-established building business (W. Carey Van Sant) 1939.
Joined by brother David (Van Sant Bros.) 1950.
Sold controlling interest in business 1964 (Van Sant & Zukswert) and moved to Atlantic, N.C.
Formerly member Ogden Memorial Church, Madison Lodge F. & A. M.,
Madison Square Club, American Numismatic Association, Morris & Essex and Summit Lions Clubs; Navy League, Chatham Historical Society, Republican County Committee; Vice-President Chatham S. & L. Ass'n; President Board of Health, Kiwanis Club,
Chamber of Commerce and Regional Health Comm.
Hobbies - coin collecting, astronomy, fishing and golf.
Tercentenary History of Chatham, N.J.:

Subjects:--

Cemeteries and Morticians

Submitted by:--

R.F. Edwards
Wm. A. Bradley
Richard R. Bradley
Warren E. Patten
"For a number of years there were no Cemeteries in juxtaposition to the Churches of the Town. The Methodists buried in Turkey (New Providence) and the Presbyterians in Bottle Hill (Madison). The first grave yards of Chatham were in connection with the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, and were located near these places of worship. The Methodist on corner of Main and Summit and the Presbyterian north of Main Street and west of the River.

These continued until the year 1859 when Fair Mount Avenue Cemetery was incorporated. The east side of Long Hill was selected as the site; and the bodies in the old cemeteries were dis-interred and placed in this new Burying Ground. A small family burial plot was at one time located on the present Club House Grounds. (Chatham Fish and Game Protective Association). This was used by the Days and later by the Browns. The bodies buried in this plot were also dis-interred and placed in the Fair Mount Cemetery."

From the Records of the Fair Mount Cemetery

This is to certify that in accordance with the provisions of an act entitled "An act authorizing the Incorporation of rural cemetery associations," enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey. Approved March 14, 1851, Elias B. Sturges, David S. Bower, John L. Munn, Harvey M. Lum, John D. Martin, Harvey W. Morehouse, Isaac P. Genung, Frederick W. Carr and Thomas W. Langstroth, residents in the State of New Jersey, desiring to form an assoc-
iation for the purpose of procuring and holding lands to be used exclusively for a Cemetery or place for the burial of the dead, met by agreement at the house of Mr. David S. Bower in Chatham, Morris County and State of New Jersey, on Wednesday evening, the 26th day of January A.D., 1859, at 7½ o'clock and by the unanimous vote of the persons present at the meeting, appointed John L. Munn, Chairman, and David S. Bower, Secretary, and did proceed to form an association for the purpose aforesaid, as follows:

1st. It was unanimously determined that the Corporate name by which the association shall be called and known shall be "The Fair Mount Cemetery".

2nd. That the number of Trustees to manage the concerns of the Association shall be nine.

3rd. By proceeding to elect by ballot, the number of Trustees so determined on as follows, viz., Elias B. Sturges, David S. Bower, John L. Munn, Harvey M. Luna, John D. Martin, Harvey W. Morehouse, Frederick W. Carr, Thomas W. Langstroth, Isaac P. Genung, were unanimously elected and the Chairman and Secretary immediately after said election divided said Trustees by lot into their classes as follows to wit.

Three of the first class are Elias B. Sturges, David S. Bower, John L. Munn, to hold their office one year. Those of the second class are Harvey M. Luna, John D. Martin, Harvey W. Morehouse to hold their office two years, Those of the third class are Frederic W. Carr, Thomas W. Langstroth and Isaac P. Genung, to hold their office three years. The meeting also unanimously determined that the first Tuesday in May in each year shall be the day on which the future annual Elections of the Trustees shall be held.

John L. Munn, Chairman
David S. Bower, Secretary
State of New Jersey, ss. Be it remembered that on the Twenty Seventh day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Nine, before me the Subscriber, personally came John L. Munn and David S. Bower both of Chatham in the County of Morris who are known to me to be the persons who signed the foregoing Certificate as Chairman and Secretary, and the said John L. Munn and David S. Bower acknowledged that they respectively signed their names thereto for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

William R. McDougall
Commissioner for taking acknowledgements and proof of deeds for Morris County.

Received in the Morris County Clerk's office, January 27, 1859, and Recorded in Record of Incorporations, pages 171-172.

Swayze, Clerk.

The original By-Laws and Rules and Regulations are on file at the Cemetery Office and are not repeated here because they are of a routine business nature and hold little of special interest.

The records of the Secretary give this item as the first entry:

December 6, 1858, a donation of five hundred and eighty and 61/100 dollars being offered by Miss Roena, Lydia and Phebe Crane for the purchase of a Cemetery Lot for the residents of Chatham and its vicinity, and others, wishing to purchase a lot or lots in said Cemetery, a Public Meeting was called for the citizens to meet at the house of Mr. David S. Bower, when it was decided to select and purchase suitable ground for this purpose, and in order to comply with the law regulating cemeteries.

On January 26, 1859, the corporate name of the association was fixed as "Fair Mount Cemetery". On the same date 4 and 30/100 acres were purchased of the estate of William Spencer.
In March, 1859, this purchase was revoked and 6 and 16/100 acres were purchased from Steven B. Wilkinson and 2 and 17/100 acres from Isaac P. Genung.

John W. Hancock was employed as a landscape surveyor and on the same date the rules and regulations of the Morristown Cemetery were adopted.

Miss Rowena Crane gave a donation to build a suitable house on the cemetery grounds in July 1864 and on February 12, 1867, the figures of the donation of Miss Rowena Crane for that purpose are given, amounting to $1,601.72 and H. M. Lum's bill for building the house and fence was $2,121.07.

At a meeting held May 7th, 1871 in the Chatham Academy, measures were considered to devise the best way to protect, improve and beautify the Cemetery grounds. May 10th, 1871. Trustees and lot owners met in the "Academy", but in consequence of a Temperance meeting in the Presbyterian Church and an accident happening to three of the Trustees on their return from the Cemetery grounds on the eighth, and by which the President, John H. Allen, was seriously injured, the attendance was small. It was, however, decided to proceed to raise by subscription a fund of five hundred dollars and place it in the hands of F. J. Doremus and Lewis Sayre to effect the improvements.

January 31st, 1872. Mention is made of renting the house and a portion of the grounds, also an agreement with George Shepherd Page, in regard to right of way and fencing.

August 15, 1872. The price of lots was fixed at twelve and a half cents to twenty cents per foot, according to location.

September 5, 1872. An assessment of two dollars on a whole lot, and one and one-half dollars on a half lot was made to raise a fund for improvements.

On June 4th, 1873, it was resolved to meet as a board on the first Monday evening in July, October, January, and April. Also the price for opening and closing
in graves was made four dollars in advance.

July 7, 1873, at the quarterly meeting the following resolution was adopted:
Resolved, That the President and Secretary be empowered to issue interest paying Bonds or Certificates of Indebtedness to the amount of $1,000 in suitable sums to be paid in five years. The same to be accepted by the Association in payment for the purchase of ground, opening graves or other improvements made by the Association requiring funds. No issues less than $10.00.

April 6, 1874. Resolved, That no more lots be sub-divided unless by the advice and consent of the majority of the Board of Trustees. That the balance of ground occupied by the Presbyterian Society for their dead, which were removed by public subscription, be tendered to the Methodist Society for the same purpose.

May 5, 1874. The annual meeting of the Association in the Academy. A general discussion followed the reading of the clerk's report, and the following thoughts were elicited: First, that the debt of the Association be managed by the Trustees. Second, that lot owners be encouraged to improve their lots. Third, that the laws of the Association be strictly observed and enforced. Fourth, to observe Decoration Day.

April 5, 1875. At the quarterly meeting it was reported by Secretary that Mr. J. E. Sayre, to whom the Association was indebted nine hundred dollars ($900), desired it should be paid, the makers of the notes were present, after a long discussion it was thought best to sell the house if the Misses Crane would consent to the same.

The committee on improvement report an assessment on each lot, and unanimously pass the following: Resolved, That each lot holder be notified of the amount assessed on his lot, and required to state whether they will pay the same to
the Association if they do the work.

May 18, 1875. The annual meeting held in the lecture room of the M. E. Church. The secretary presented a book called "Lot Improvement," and having called on most of the lot owners reported those who were willing to allow the assessment to keep his lot in order. The question of paying the debt was discussed, and the following resolution was passed: "To sell the house and barn with a frontage of 60 to 100 feet and a depth of from 150 to 200 feet, as the trustees may deem proper, the price to be asked for the same $3,000 yet if the trustees think proper a less price may be taken."

January 10, 1876. The expediency of selling the house was discussed and the following resolution was adopted as a more feasible project at the present time, to liquidate the debt, viz:

"The price of lots to be reduced 20 per cent. for the next four months to cash customers."

May 29, 1876. Decoration Day was observed, Rev. Mr. Wm Kiefer delivered an address. The attendance was not large and wanting in enthusiasm.

May 12, 1877. The Secretary reported that J____ M______ had refused to vacate the Cemetery house, and had process served, whereupon he left, not paying balance of rent due Association. The following resolution was passed:

"Resolved that Secretary sue said J____ M______ for any rent that may be due, and also for damage done to the Drive on the eastern side of the grounds."

May 21, 1877. The Secretary records the fact that there were but seven (?) members present out of eighty lot owners. Six of whom were trustees.

April 2, 1878. Secretary obtained consent of Committee on improvements to make sale of a lot to Ambrose A. Torrey, and take pay in trees and shrubs.

June 3, 1878. Three committees were appointed:
1st. New Improvements and Letting House.

2nd. Care of present improvements, grounds, house, buildings and fence.

3rd. Sale of lots, opening graves, and etc.

Also Resolved, That the price in future for the opening of graves shall be for 4 1/2 foot box and less, $2.00; 4 1/2 feet and over $2.50, and one dollar added for the benefit of the Association. This applies to ordinary graves only.

August 28, 1879. A committee of three was instructed to assess lots to pay expenses of keeping grounds in order.

May 3, 1881. Resolved, That a Superintendent be appointed, whose duty it shall be to attend to all the labor and work done on Cemetery, and all that pertains thereto.

Also to sell grounds, attend to opening graves, and all business necessary to the welfare of the Association, according to direction of a Committee of Trustees appointed for that purpose.

Resolved that a Committee of Trustees be appointed to give directions to Superintendent in all matters pertaining to his duties, also at the close of every quarter, or as they may think proper, to investigate work, receive moneys collected, audit his accounts, pay Superintendent for labor, and look after general business of Association.

By unanimous vote A. M. French was appointed Superintendent for one year, and Messrs. Lyon, Munn and Sayre, were a committee selected to carry out and enforce the resolutions passed.

It was also resolved to observe Decoration Day on the grounds, and that at the annual meeting, thirteen shall constitute a quorum.

May 31, 1882. That four shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of Trustees.
June 16, 1882. The resolution was adopted that an assessment of $1.00 each be made on lots sold, the same to be collected by Superintendent, and that no burials be allowed on lots when said assessment is unpaid.

May 30, 1883. Secretary made some remarks in relation to workings of Association, by which it was made to appear that many members were very careless in regard to payment of dues for improvements.

Dr. Ogden being present made some remarks suited to the occasion, and after offering prayer, the meeting adjourned.

May 12, 1884. It was resolved that a cistern be constructed to take water from barn, not to hold over 250 bbls.

May 30, 1885. Treasurer W. H. Lum made a full and gratifying report, the business of the year, although less than usual, found a small sum in the treasury and all debts paid.

Mr. Hudson Muchmore was appointed Auditor of Association.

April 20, 1887. A committee was appointed to arrange for the purchase of Stanley Hall property.

May 30, 1887. A safe was purchased for keeping books and papers of the Association.

September 21, 1887. A committee reported that Stanley Hall could not be purchased at a satisfactory figure at present. On the same date the receiving vault was ordered built, to cost about $250. Mrs. M. E. Blazier's lot was purchased at $200 per acre.

June 5, 1888. A fountain had been purchased from the Receiver of Newark Savings Institution.

October 7, 1889. A gateway at entrance of Fairmount Ave. was arranged and ordered built.

June 2, 1890. Hedges on several lots were declared injurious, and Superintendent
was instructed to take means to have them removed. The Board expressed satisfaction at progress of Association, and were fully resolved to make grounds the most attractive in this section.

February 29, 1892. A surveyor was employed to mark such lots and walks as seemed advisable.

June, 1892. The offices of the Treasurer and Superintendent were merged into one. Wm. E. Genung was elected.

December 2, 1893. The adoption of By-Laws was ordered.

September 3, 1894. All lot owners were notified by special letter that it was impossible to continue giving care to each lot unless the annual assessment was paid for such care, and that all contracts for labor must be made with the Superintendent and not with employees.

May 11, 1896. An iron fence on the Fairmount Ave. side was projected, to cost $1.25 per foot, but was not ordered built.

July 13, 1896. A stone wall was ordered laid on rear line of Stanley Hall property, to be constructed from stone found on the ground.

October 10, 1896. The assessments on many lots not being paid it was hoped their untidy appearance would not affect future sales.

January 13, 1897. The Secretary stated the book of burial records had been kept in pencil in a book not suitable for the purpose, and he was directed to procure a suitable book and transcribe the same in ink.

August 3, 1897. A stone wall was ordered built on the Fairmount Avenue line at a cost not to exceed $1,200. The contract was given to S. Wright & Son, of Summit, for $1,015.29.

October 12, 1897. Having learned the prices for which lots were sold in other Cemeteries kept in good order, found our prices much below them, and as our expenses were on the increase, and as the most desirable ground was
being taken, it was resolved, to advance the price of lots as follows:
Thirty-seven and one-half cents (37½) per foot for all lots east of the
drive, except those on the sharp declivity; on the west side of the drive
twenty cents per foot as before, except several lots on the walks, and on
which the price was to be left to the discretion of the Superintendent.

November 26, 1901, on an application from a lot owner as to what amount
would be required for permanent care of lot:
The Committee decided that not less than one hundred dollars would be nec-
essary.

May 30, 1902. Wm. E. Gemung resigned as Treasurer and Superintendent, after
ten years service.

Wm. H. Lum was elected Treasurer at a salary of $75.00 and David H. Crawford
was elected Superintendent at a salary of $75.00 per year.

April 13, 1903. Consideration was given to the opening of a Driveway from
Edge Hill Avenue.

January, 1904. The Counsel decided that deeds may be given for half lots.

May 30, 1904. The Treasurer's financial report was published in the public
prints for the first time.

July 12, 1904. It was decided to pave the gutters of the Driveway.

April 10, 1905. The matter of taking advance charges from strangers for
bodies put in vault, of $20 to $25 with rebates, was considered.

October 9, 1905. The price of lots was raised: Those at $150 to $200 and
those on the lower driveway at $125 to $150, and those on the walk opposite
the single graves to remain at $125.

April 8, 1907. Resolved, that for lots sold on credit, if unpaid after 90
days, 6 per cent. interest should be charged. No deeds to be delivered until
full payment is made.
October 12, 1908. The death of the Secretary, A. M. French was noted. He served the Association in some official capacity for more than thirty-five years.

July 11, 1909. Resolved, the sum of Twenty-five dollars be charged for opening the vault and placing a body therein, unless guaranteed by the undertaker in charge.

All unsold lots to have markers placed designating their numbers.

April 12, 1909. Retaining wall in front of Doane, Mead, Jennings and other lots on lower driveway was being built, and nearly complete.

May 31, 1909. Frank Mead elected Secretary in place of A. M. French, deceased.

July 12, 1909. Slate vaults ordered.

October 11, 1909. It was ordered that the part of section eight along the stone wall on the east side and running to the north-east corner be reserved for single graves.

Also on motion the prices of lots as adopted October 9, 1905, $125.00, $150.00 and $200.00, is to be the prices at which sales should be made, together with the $100.00 advance for permanent care as per circulars issued this season.

July 11, 1910. The charge for the use of the Green Fern Grave Lining and Covering was fixed at $3.00.

Jan. 9, 1911. The matter of ownership and jurisdiction of lots left by deceased persons was brought up, and it was decided that all rightful heirs should give their written consent for interments and all necessary information so that the Association may not be involved in any future legal difficulties.

April 9, 1912. The survey of a new entrance from Hillside Avenue was noted.

May 30, 1912. The Fountain was ordered placed at the junction of the old and new roads at the lower entrance.

May 30, 1913. An iron fence was ordered built about the south, east, and west
sides of the cemetery.

July 8, 1913. The new roadway from Hillside Avenue entrance was about completed.

January 21, 1914. The death of the Superintendent, D. H. Crawford was noted, and Jacob L. Snook was elected to succeed him.

May 30, 1914. The new iron fence and new iron gateway reported completed, at a cost of $2,413.55, by the Anchor Post Iron Works, of New York.

At this meeting of May 30, 1914 the publication of the History of the Cemetery was authorized.

April 13, 1915. Three hundred copies of letter regarding assessments, etc. were ordered printed and two hundred copies of letter regarding special care were ordered printed for future use.

The Secretary was directed to send each lot owner a notice of the annual meeting with a copy of the "History" to be mailed to each lot owner at the same time.

May 30, 1917. Two thousand dollars in the Perpetual Care Fund were invested in the Liberty Loan 3% Bonds.

January 8, 1918. The Wellman lowering device was ordered purchased.

May 31, 1920. Water faucets were ordered placed at convenient intervals for the comfort of all Lot Owners in the different parts of the Cemetery.

October 9, 1923. Moved and carried that Mr. Oswin, caretaker of the Cemetery, be instructed that it not the wish of the Trustees that cows and chickens be kept on the Cemetery property.

August 3, 1925. Purchase of land on Hillside Avenue for new house for Superintendent with attached office for Cemetery use was approved.

September 30, 1925. Contract for new building awarded to Geo. J. Collins for $7,921.00.
March 15, 1926. New house reported completed and Superintendent living in
same.

May 31, 1926. Superintendent reports that 1,270 feet of path have been laid,
the old house on the hill torn down and the stone wall continued in front of
where the building formerly stood.

October 19, 1926. The plan of lots in sections 10 - 11 - 12 - 13 as surveyed
by J. J. Kurtz was accepted.

Superintendent Messenger was granted a permit to carry a revolver.

September 20, 1927. New road construction was going along nicely, including
the granite block which was being done by the Cemetery personnel.

May 30, 1928. All corner posts and grave markers must be set flush with the
grade.

July 24, 1928. Erection of a stone gateway at the Fairmount Avenue entrance
was authorized.

April 10, 1930. Treasurer was authorized to secure a Safe Deposit Box in
the Chatham Trust Co.

November 28, 1930. Arthur Harvey appointed Superintendent upon death of
Henry Messinger.

May 30, 1940. It was found necessary to reduce the size of unsold lots, as
the demand for large lots had practically disappeared.

November 8, 1942. It was recommended that the Secretary write all owners of
lots which have fences for permission to remove them and use for War purposes.
The Board also voted to remove the metal fence around the Crane lot and collect
and sell all scrap around the premises for War purposes.

October 16, 1950. A letter to Lot Owners soliciting additional funds for the
Perpetual Care Account was authorized.

October 15, 1951. New set of By-Laws was adopted.
March 27, 1953. The meeting time of Lot Owners to be changed from May 30th of each year to the first Wednesday in June of each year.

June 1, 1955. Revised map of Cemetery was accepted.

May 16, 1956. Chatham Borough Board of Adjustment refused to grant permission to the Cemetery to use the Page property (Vapo-Cresoline Plant) for Cemetery purposes. Negotiations for its purchase were cancelled.

The Grounds committee reported that on March 27, 1956 twenty-six (26) monuments were upset by vandals.

April 15, 1957. All stocks, bonds and mortgages, except those earmarked for Special Trust Accounts, to be turned over to the Summit Trust Co. as per agreement with their Trust Officer.

May 22, 1959. An article in the Chatham Press, announcing the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Cemetery was published.

During the gaps in above dates and to date, the regular business of the Cemetery has continued smoothly and without any special difficulties.

To list the various numbers of the Board of Trustees, the multitude of past and present Lot Owners, and men who have worked to make the Cemetery as beautiful as it is today, would be a lengthy task, and a repetition of the records which are on file in the Cemetery office. Likewise, to detail and enumerate the items of development of the property, its maintenance and improvements, would I am afraid become boresome.

The changes in Rules and Regulations as the numbers of burials increased, along with the increases in prices for lots and the various services such as burials, head stone settings, lowering devices, etc. make a long but uninteresting story.

The gradual automation, such as power lawn mowers, engine driven grave diggers and now the use of a special digging machine which is hired as needed all indicate the trend of the times toward the relief and elimination of manual labor.
Included with this manuscript were seven pictures of Fairmount Cemetery taken by Mr. Edwards. Five will be found in the Historical Society files.
R. F. Edwards

Born in Brooklyn, New York, May 30, 1896
Graduated Brooklyn Boy's High School, 1913.
Graduated Civil Engineers, Cornell University in 1917.
Practiced Civil Engineering with:
   U. S. Geological Survey
   Federal Power Commission
   Duke Power Co., Charlotte, N. C.
   P. S. Electric & Gas Co., Newark, N. J.
   Port of New York Authority, N. Y.
   The Flintkote Co., E. Rutherford, N. J.
Moved to Chatham in 1925.
Became member of Board of Trustees of Fair Mount Cemetery in 1938.
Elected President in 1954, retaining this office to present time.
Robert F. Edwards

Home of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Edwards
57 Fairview Ave. - (Color Negative)
Prior to the year 1820, there are no records concerning mortality or the caring for deceased members of the Borough or the surrounding areas. Therefore, it will be necessary to take the more or less uniform development of funeral service in the colonies, and apply it to the Chatham area.

With the purchase of this area from the Indians in 1651, came the white settler, his customs, religion, and a pioneer spirit. Consequently, there was no established church law, as in England, specifying how funerals were to be conducted. Funeral customs therefore developed from new innovations mixed with customs brought over the British Isles or the Continent.

Man has always buried his dead with dignity and ceremony. And consequently, the religious ceremony was the primary factor governing where and how funerals evolved and took place in and around Chatham. Therefore you will see how the funerals, funeral directors, and funeral homes followed the development of the churches.

During the late 1600's it was considered below the dignity of most ministers to give funerals or to say prayers over the dead. "At burials nothing is read nor any funeral sermon made, but all the neighborhood or a goodly company of them come together by tolling the bell, and carry the dead solemnly to his grave and then stand by him while he is buried. The ministers are most commonly present." The above description probably applies to burials in the Chatham area because the early settlers were Presbyterians and the "Directory for Publick Worship of God *** of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland" (Scotch Presbyterian Church) in 1645, had this to say "Concerning Burial of the Dead: When any person departeth this life,
let the dead body, upon the day of burial, be decently attended from
the house to the place appointed for public burial, and there immediately
interred without any ceremony."

The area's first church was built in Whippany in 1718. It was
a Presbyterian congregation and the people from Chatham attended.
Therefore we assume the preceding applied to Chatham residents.

By the end of the 17th century, the practice of having a funeral
sermon said over the body in the meeting house or church was again
observed. Whether the custom was adopted from the tradition of England,
or whether the ministers could not stand the frustratingly rare
experience of having a large group of people together and not being
allowed to speak, it is not known; but both theories have been
advanced.

During the 1600's and early 1700's, it was also the funeral custom
for the family to distribute rings, scarves, gloves, books, and needle-
craft in paying tribute to the deceased. Custom also required that
the heirs provide a generous amount of food and alcoholic beverages
for the friends and relatives who had attended the funeral. The
distribution of gifts and abundance of food and drink at funerals
became so great that by the mid 1700's some colonial legislative
bodies passed laws to limit the spending of large portions of
estates on gifts and entertainment of the mourners. But the laws
were never enforced or adhered to.

As the area's Presbyterian population expanded, it was necessary
to start a new congregation and to build a new church. Consequently,
in 1748-49, a church and burying ground were started in Madison.
This is the first reference to a cemetery in the Chatham area.
On March 27, 1776, the Reverend Agarish Horton, first minister of the Madison Presbyterian Church at Bottle Hill, died at his son's home next to the Morrell house on Main Street in Chatham. His is the first documented interment of a person from Chatham at the church cemetery in Madison.

In the August 8, 1781 issue of Shepard Kollock's "New Jersey Journal," which was printed in Chatham, we find an advertisement which the editor printed.

"Just Published
And to be Sold by the Printer hereof,

A SERMON,
Delivered at Roxbury in Morris County, March 19, 1781, at the Funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Hackett, by Reverend Uzal Ogden; of Sussex County, N. J.

Published by Desire

It is better to go to the house of mourning than to the house of offending. -- Solomon

I would have every one consider that he is, in this life, not more than a passenger, and that he is not to set up his rest here, but to keep an attentive eye upon that state of being to which he approacheth every moment, and which will be for ever fixed and permanent." And in 1783, the printer published an elogy on Francis Barker by the Dr. Ebenezer Elmer. These are the first public newspaper notices found of deaths in this area.

Prior to 1808, Chatham had no churches. The Presbyterians went to Bottle Hill and the Methodists to Turkey. (New Providence) In 1808 a Union Meeting House brought some of the religious functions
to Chatham. The meeting house was located on Main Street at Cheapside Lane. The first church of Chatham was a two story building without bell or cupola and had galleries on three sides of its walls. These were used only when the congregations were unusually large, which happened on the occasion of a funeral. The Methodists were the primary occupants of the meeting house until 1823.

During this early period of the 1800's, a cabinet maker, Elias Sturges, had his shop a few doors from the meeting house in the building now occupied by the Domery's Realtors at the NE corner of Roosevelt Avenue and Main Street. He was the great grandfather of Harriet Trowbridge of 525 Main Street. As Mr. Sturges was called upon to make coffins on order, he also would "undertake" funerals. His shop appears on the inside cover map of the History of Chatham, New Jersey by A. B. Vanderpoel. This is all that is known of Chatham's first funeral director.

Prior to this period, the neighbors were the people who assumed the task of washing, dressing, digging the grave, and caring for the dead. As the communities developed, nurses rather than neighbors would assume this function. Also, the church sexton assumed the responsibility of digging the grave and tolling the bell.

In 1812, four out of six elders at the Presbyterian Church in Bottle Hill were from Chatham: Enos Ward, Israel Lum, J. Bonnell, and Stephen Day. Consequently, when Caleb C. Burroughs started the "C. C. Burroughs" cabinet making and funeral directing firm in 1820, he served a good portion of the population of Chatham. Caleb Burroughs was a very active member of the Presbyterian congregation and in 1823 was made a deacon of the church and later an elder.
An entry in the books of the Burroughs firm in 1822 shows that a
half day's work on a coffin would cost 2 shillings or 28 cents in
present monetary valuations. 19

In 1823, a new church was to be built in Madison and forty Chatham
residents petitioned to have the building located closer to Chatham.
The petition was not accepted and the forty broke from the Madison
church on October 20, 1823. 20 The Chatham Presbyterians then began
to occupy the Union Meeting House in full force. 21

The Methodists and Presbyterians both built new churches in 1832,
and the Methodist church at the SE corner of Summit Avenue and Main
and the Presbyterian Church at the corner of Cheapside Lane and Main Street,
were referred to as having cemeteries. 22 When Fair
Mount Cemetery was started in 1847, the graves at the church were
disinterred and reinterred in Fair Mount. 22

The Burroughs firm began the "icing" of human remains in special
ice chests about the 1840's. This practice was used to prevent the
unpleasant effects of decomposition while the casket was being made
and the grave was opened. 23

During the Civil War (1860's), chemical embalming was started on
a large scale and was used extensively so that those killed in action
could be transported home for burial. 24 By 1900, chemical embalming
had completely replaced "icing" at Burroughs. 25

In 1850, C. C. Burroughs was joined by his son Edwin P. and
in 1898, Edwin P. and his son Preston A. Burroughs formed a funeral
directing and cabinet making partnership serving Summit, Madison, and
Chatham. 26

Chatham's next funeral director, L. W. Marten, came to the
Borough from Montclair in 1909. His place of business was at 23
Center Avenue and he also ran a livery as a sideline. Sometime between 1909 and 1925, Mr. Martenis moved his facilities to 262 Main Street where Nick and Art’s Barber Shop is now located. He also sold the livery business at this time. In 1925, a structure to be specifically used as a funeral home was erected at 283 Main Street by Mr. Martenis. In 1935, William A. Bradley, who was a licensed embalmer and funeral director with the Mason Funeral Home in South Amboy, came to work for the Martenis firm in Chatham.27

Henry Pfeil in 1940, opened Chatham’s second funeral home at 345 Main Street. He operated for 3 years, and then closed in May, 1943.

In July, 1943, Warren E. Patten, previously with A. M. Runyon & Sons, in Plainfield, took over the operation of the Martenis Funeral Home. Also, in July of that year, William A. Bradley opened his funeral home at 345 Main Street. These two firms are operating at the present time. Both firms have added improvements to better serve the public. The Patten firm has added a ladies powder-room and air conditioning; while the Bradley firm has added additional funeral home facilities, air conditioning, and private offstreet parking for 60 cars.28

In 1963, William A. Bradley’s son, Richard R. Bradley, received his license as a Practitioner of Mortuary Science in the State of New Jersey, and became a licensed member of The Bradley Funeral Home, 345 Main Street.
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Richard R. Bradley - 3 Whisman Drive, Chatham, N.J.

Born Overlook Hospital, Summit April 2, 1939

Attended Borough Schools and graduated in 1957

Graduated from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. 1961

B. S. in Business Administration

Sigma Chi Fraternity

Played for Soccer Team, Middle Atlantic Conference Champions, Northern Division 1958

Graduated from American Academy of Funeral Service New York City 1962

Member of Mu Sigma Alpha, Honorary Society awarded to top 10% (nationwide)

Vice-President of Wm. A. Bradley & Son, Funeral Directors, Chatham, N.J.

Licensed Practitioner of Mortuary Science of the State of N. J.

Owner - Chatham Monument Company

Active in - Chatham Rotary Club

Chatham Jaycees

Chatham Volunteer Fire Dept.

United Campaign Fund

Big Brother of Morris County

Morris County, New Jersey State, and the National Funeral Directors Assn.

Chatham Historical Society

Woodglen Roga and Gun Club

Lifelong resident of Chatham

Wife - Linda Ann Holland of Chatham

Son - Scott W. Bradley - 1961

Daughter - Deborah C. Bradley - 1963
Name: William Addison Bradley

Parents: Robert L. Bradley and Bessie Mason Bradley

Birthplace: Pavilion, New York, November 28, 1907

Education: LeRoy, N.Y. High School - Graduated 1926

Renouard Training School for Embalmers, N.Y. City, 1931

Received Licenses to practice Embalming and Funeral Directing, State of New Jersey, January 1, 1935

Married: Miriam Yarnall, of Mt. Carmel, Penna. on Aug. 6, 1931

Daughter of Richard King Yarnall and Hester Herb

Children: Mrs. Ralph K. (Kathryn) Willers

Richard R. Bradley

Mrs. Francis (Margaret E.) Lisewski

Business: Funeral Director. President & Manager of Wm. A. Bradley & Son Funeral Home, 345 Main St., Chatham, N.J.

Memberships: Ogden Memorial Presbyterian Church, Chatham, N.J.

Past President of Deacons

Elder of Church - Member of Session - 1940-43

Madison Lodge #93, F. & A.M., Madison, N.J.

Master - 1954

Trustee since 1968 of Masters, Wardens and Past Masters Assoc., 11th Masonic District of N.J.

N.J. Consistory S.P.R.S.--32nd Degree, Jersey City

Salaam Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., Livingston, N.J.

Tall Cedars of Lebanon #84, Plainfield, N.J.

Navy League of U.S.

Kiwanis Club of Chatham, N.J. - President 1949. Trustee, 1967

Chatham Bowling League

Chatham Volunteer Fire Dept., Ex-Chief. Treasurer since 1952

Fairmount Country Club - Charter Member

Chatham Fish & Game Protective Association

National Funeral Directors Association of U.S.

N.J. State Funeral Directors Association--President 1969

Morris County Funeral Directors Assoc.--First President

Hobbies: Hunting, Fishing, Golf, and Bowling
Richard R. Bradley

Wm. A. Bradley

Home of Richard Bradley
35 Whitman Drive
Warren E. Patten, Sr.

Born in Jamesburg, New Jersey on July 9, 1897

Attended grade schools and High Schools in Jamesburg.

Concluding 27 years of service to the community, Warren E. Patten this week announced the closing of the Warren E. Patten Funeral Home on Main Street and his own semi-retirement.

In the future, Mr. Patten will be associated with Burroughs and Kohr, funeral directors, of Madison and Summit.

A resident of Chatham since 1945, Mr. Patten has been active in a variety of community and civic affairs. He has served as treasurer of the Chatham Chamber of Commerce and as assistant director of Civil Defense for the Boro.

For 25 years, he was treasurer of the Chatham Bowling League. He is a past commander and adjutant of Chatham Post No. 92 of the American Legion. He has served as president of the Kiwanis Club of Chatham and as an elder of Ogden Memorial Presbyterian Church. In addition to his active membership in the Legion and the Kiwanis, he is a member of Madison Lodge No. 93, F&A.M.

During World War I he served with the 29th Infantry Division in France.

Upon his return to this country and his discharge in 1919, he began his apprenticeship to a funeral director in New Brunswick and, after becoming licensed in the profession, he became manager of the Runyon funeral home in Plainfield. When he came to Chatham it was to take over the establishment at 283 Main Street which had been directed by Lewis W. Martenis.

Mr. and Mrs. Patten hope to spend some of their new-found leisure time travelling, visiting friends and relatives, and "just relaxing". Mr. Patten says he may take up bowling again and definitely wants to find some time for fishing, a favorite pastime.

The Pattens have two children, a daughter Marilyn (Mrs. David Hack) of Caldwell and a son Warren E. Patten Jr. of Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming. They also have three grand-daughters, Christy and Jennifer Hack and Dana Patten, and two grand-sons, Dale Patten and Warren E. Patten III now serving in the U. S. Navy.

Included in this report were two brochures of the Patten funeral home. These will be found in the Historical Society files.
Warren E. Patten

16 Mt. Nebo, Lane
Toms River
Ceramics
A pottery business "uniquely Chatham" was started in the early 1950s by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goss. He was an engineer graduate from the Univ. of Pennsylvania and she had studied ceramics at Rutgers. They met while both were working at the Bell Labs.

When they decided to enter the pottery field they experimented with Chatham clay but it was not suitable for their purpose. They worked in their home at 32 Watchung Ave. They both designed and made their own molds. She did the painting.

At first they sold through the Gift Mart in NYC, then were Gift Representatives in an assigned area. They then established a Gift Shop in their home.

As the business, known as The Chatham Potters, expanded they added manufacturing and shipping quarters at the rear of their home - using the front rooms as a shop. Their family expanded as well as the business. They have six children.

In the middle 1960's they purchased the pre-Revolution Bonnell House next door and had a gift shop there for one or two years. They now rent it as an antique shop and apartments. In 1953 they built a modernistic style home at 200 Hillside Ave. and 32 Watchung became completely commercial.

Among those on the staff were Eleanor Blazer, chief painter, Gyula Czidmadia, a refugee from the Hungarian revolution, Costas Kalogirou, a Greek potter and Janet Brown Boyle (Mrs. Guy F. Boyle) who was Secretary and Bookkeeper from 1967 until 1965.

In 1968 the Gosses sold the business to Janet Boyle and Costas Kalogirou, partners, and moved to Vermont. After about two years Mrs. Boyle sold out to her partner.

The business now (1972) continues as two separate entities:

1. Contemporary Ceramics - in the designing and promotional field. The merchandise is manufactured elsewhere.

2. Chatham Potters Inc., designing, manufacturing and selling early American pottery. There are currently fifteen local persons employed.

They have a tunnel kiln - the material can go through automatically in 24 hours.
My name is Janet Brown Boyle. I presently live on Bridge Street in Chatham Borough, and I was born in April, 1927 on Inwood Road in the Borough. My father was Theodore M. Brown. He was a painter and decorator and later, a partner in Partlon & Brown, a building and modernizing firm. My paternal grandparents were of British and Welsh extraction from Pike County, Pennsylvania and grandfather Owen R. Brown was a local builder. My mother was Myra Obdyke. She was born in Port Morris, N. J. Her father was of Holland Dutch descent and was born in Stillwater, N. J. He ran the local Country Store in Port Morris for many years. Her mother was born in Succasunna, N. J.

I married Guy F. Boyle, who was born on Staten Island. He is a cameraman with Bell Telephone Laboratories in Murray Hill. His father was Irish and grew up in New York City. His mother was Norwegian and grew up in Hoboken where her father was a cabinet maker, and tug boat Captain on the Hudson River.

I was educated; Kindergarten through graduation in Chatham Public Schools, with the exception of the 4th and 5th grades, which I spent in Chatham Township Public School.

After graduation from High School, I worked as a secretary at Bell Telephone Labs for five years before the birth of my son, Gary S. Boyle. Gary graduated from Chatham Public Schools and is in the printing Business.
In the middle 1950's I worked part time at the old Hackenburg Greenhouses, which were located at the corner of Hillside Avenue and Raymond Street, but have since been demolished and replaced by homes. In 1957 I started as secretary, bookkeeper and retail sales girl at The Pottery Shop (Chatham Potters, Inc.) on Watchung Avenue. In 1966 I bought a half interest in the business with a Greek potter, Costas Kalogirou, but sold my share to him in the fall of 1968.

The Municipal offices in the Borough had an opening as secretary at that time. My application for the position was accepted and I now hold the positions of Deputy Clerk and Secretary to the Board of Health.

When time allows, I enjoy knitting, needle-point and crewel work; also bowling and traveling.

8/8/72

Memo from Book Committee. Several fliers advertising the Chatham Potters will be found in the Historical Society files.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Persons interested in local history will be happy to learn that the old Bonnel homestead on Watchung Avenue in Chatham is being partially restored. The house is adjacent to The Pottery Shop, and was acquired in January by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goss, who own and operate the pottery.

Local historical opinion dates the house at about 1750, one of the oldest in the town. It was built by Natn'l Bonnel IV, who operated the mill located a few hundred yards away on the Passaic River. Natn'l was one of many Bonnels in Chatham, and for that reason the town was known for many years as Bonneltown.

The house was occupied by Bonnels from 1750 to about 1910. The last of that name were the sisters Miss Hattie and Miss Eliza Bonnel, who kept school there. Mrs. Lurene Wagner Gilchrist, 88, who now lives across the street, attended the school and relates a story that was handed down from the earlier Bonnel generations.

"During the Revolution, just prior to Washington's long march to Yorktown, a short encampment was made at Chatham. Some of the soldiers were billeted in private homes, and several of them slept in the kitchen of the Bonnel house. Mrs. Bonnel spent the night baking bread for the sleeping soldiers, and had to step over them as she tended her oven."

So, whereas Washington did not sleep in the old Bonnel house, Bonnel legend tells that his troops did sleep there.

Mr. and Mrs. Goss plan to restore the house in several stages, as time and energy permit, and will operate it as a shop similar to some of the Williamsburg and Sturbridge shops. The first stage in this restoration is now complete. It includes the large main hall, living room and shed, as well as some of the exterior. The shop will open October 21st and will be known as "The Old Bonnel House". It will have the Goss's own Early American Stoneware, as well as Williamsburg reproductions, pewter, ironware, woodenware, herbs and spices, and many other unusual items.
HANDCRAFTED STONEWARE

Mrs. Marjorie Goss, of the Contemporary Ceramics pottery in Chatham, gives a lecture and demonstration on "Handcrafted Stoneware - Making Pottery Today in the Tradition of Early American Craftsman". The lecture is given with slides of the pottery, showing the craftsmen making Stoneware, and includes some of the more amusing aspects of starting a pottery and a family simultaneously in this suburban area. The demonstration is of the actual making of a piece of pottery, and several attractive place settings of Stoneware are exhibited.

The pottery, located at 32 Watchung Avenue, employs 15 skilled craftsmen who use many of the same techniques as potters of colonial times. It is one of the few potteries making handcrafted stoneware commercially, and the ware is sold in better gift shops and department stores throughout the country.

Marjorie and Frank Goss formerly worked as engineers at the Bell Telephone Laboratories, resigning in 1946 to become potters. The original small pottery, most of which they actually built themselves, has grown to the sizable establishment it is today. And their family has grown too; there are six children, all of whom spend much time at the pottery, and the business is considered a family affair.

The latest Goss family project has been the partial restoration of "The Old Bonnel House", a pre-revolutionary homestead which is adjacent to the pottery. The restored part has been opened as a gift shop, carrying Early American reproductions as well as contemporary merchandise, and the Goss's own fine stoneware. Selected seconds of the stoneware are sold at the Pottery Shop, an attractive store located in the front of the pottery.
Chamber of Commerce
HIGHLIGHTS OF CHATHAM AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The present Chatham Area Chamber of Commerce was an outgrowth of the "Business Men's Association of Chatham, New Jersey" which was incorporated May 1926.

The first proclamation issued by the new association was one which read "CLEAN UP, FIX UP, AND PAINT UP" and encouraged townspeople to do their part to make their community "CLEAN" "HEALTHY" "SATISFY" and "SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL".

The campaign started with a parade including "Unity Baker's Calliope".

The first president of the organization was James W. Shea with Edwin Warren serving as Vice-President; William W. Fitz as Secretary and Fred L. Walters, Jr. as Treasurer.

Programs included talks on "Safety Signals along Our Highways", and discussions concerning street lighting in the borough.

One meeting was enlightened about doughnut making with James Conway giving his own recipe.

Poor telephone service was a problem in 1926 and "Electric Refrigeration" a topic for one meeting. This brought about a comment from the secretary "Electric Refrigeration which (in the opinion of the writer) will supplant in time all of the old type ice boxes".

May, 1927 evokes a nostalgia for a luncheon menu which cost fifty cents to all members: Soup - Pickles - Roast Beef or Fresh Pork - Potatoes - Rolls - Butter - String Beans - Tea - Coffee - and Pie or Pudding. Wow!

The plea for better attendance and the discussion of the electrification of the Lackawanna were topics for discussion, under the presidency
of Floyd B. Garley at a dinner at the Chatham Hotel which would cost the membership all of one dollar and twenty-five cents.

There seems to be a lapse of information for a period of twelve years.

When next we find the association it has been named the "Chatham Chamber of Commerce". This was a group formed in 1940.

In 1943 after three years of organization and problems the secretary's minutes imply that there were accomplishments of which to be proud. At that time membership reached eighty.

During the war years the Chamber endeavored to assist the war effort by sponsoring Victory Gardens; recognizing the service men; advertising tire conservation and properly displaying flags.

In the decade 1953-1963 the Chamber of Commerce, having been incorporated in March, 1957 as the Chatham Area Chamber of Commerce ran the gamut of problems from parking and traffic to Christmas decorations. It paid for a parking and traffic survey, the results of which it reported to the governing body of the council.

The underlying problems, iterated repeatedly, were: "What shall we do to get more members to meetings?" and "What do we do about parking?"

Well known names active in the early Business Men's Association of Chatham and its successor organizations include: Fred Walters, Jr., Leon Caregnhi, Joan Fries, Leigh Kymer, Charles Macarthur, Willicent Underwood, Warren Fatten, Irving Marks, Charles Mayer, Harold (Bud) Hartlon, Martin Swanson, Frank Faury, Stanley Loubet, Josephine Triolo, Robert Hudkins, Daniel Hooper, L. Vernon Drew, and the current president, Frederick Mainwright.

-By Ruth H. Norris,
Secretary, Chamber of Commerce
Mrs. E. G. (Ruth) Norris

Formerly Registrar of Vital Statistics, Sec. Board of Health, Assistant to General practitioner and Secretary of Chamber of Commerce. Is a radio operator for C. D. P. T. A. president 14-1/2 years volunteer hospital work. Published light verse.

Hobbies: sewing - rug making and gardening.

Son David: Masters degree Univ. of Michigan; forester with paper company - married one daughter. Son Roger - graduate of Penn. Military - career in Navy.
Chatham, England
CHATHAM, England (AP) — Ties of friendship between Chatham, N.J., and Chatham, England, were strengthened when Mayor Dewey A. Hagen of the American city and his wife visited with the English mayor, Ron Foster, and his wife yesterday.

Hagen and his wife are on a European tour with two friends.

The traditional robe and chain of office worn by the English mayor impressed the Americans. "We look quite plain compared with Mr. and Mrs. Foster," Hagen commented.

"Unlike the mayor here," said Mrs. Hagen, "I don't make any public appearances. I am just an ordinary housewife whose main duty is to keep her husband happy."

The American's schedule included a visit to the Midway fire station, where Hagen presented a memorial from William B. Keeley, fire chief of Chatham, N.J. Two years ago the Midway fire station presented a miniature of its old steam fire engine to the American firefighters.

CHATHAM, ENGLAND

by

Ex-Mayor James M. Henderson

Captain Lester McDowell

Ex-Mayor Dewey A. Hagen

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Also acknowledgement of Henderson's Gifts
MAYOR JAMES HENDERSON'S REPORT

Early in 1958, shortly after I became Mayor of Chatham Borough, fellow-Mayor Thomas T. Taber of Madison told me of his vacation plans for later in the year to visit England and Scotland. In his itinerary, he planned on visiting Chatham in Kent, especially if he were to bear a friendly gift from me to the Mayor of that town. Chatham is located thirty-five miles east to southeast of London, along the Medway River, and on the road to Dover. Present population is approximately 98,000, and it is one of the oldest ship-building communities in the world and the oldest in the British Empire. Its dock facilities built the English fleet which defeated the Spanish Armada in 1588, and had been building ships long before that time.

I sent along with Mayor Taber a rosewood gavel, with inscribed silver band, and sounding block. During the month of June 1958, Mayor and Mrs. Taber had a delightful visit with the Mayor, F. B. Semple, the Mayoress and Aldermen of Chatham, were tendered a reception and dinner in the Mayor's Parlour, and were guests at a specially called meeting to receive my gift and to read publicly my accompanying letter which expressed a desire to create and maintain a cordial friendship between our two Chathams. (The gavel and block now repose in a show-case in their Town Hall). In turn, I received a delightful letter, reciprocating our greetings and such wish, and Mayor Taber returned with a beautiful silver inkstand, with the crest of Chatham thereon and appropriately inscribed — also an attractive volume of the history of Chatham, England. The latter was promptly placed in our Chatham Public Library.
That exchange in 1958 triggered off our friendship with Chatham, in Kent, England, and with each successive Mayor, I have exchanged greeting cards at Christmastime.

Our growing bond of friendship was strengthened even more in May 1960, with the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Davis to our Chatham, and Mrs. Henderson and I had the pleasure of showing them through our town, its library, firehouse and municipal building, and of entertaining them at luncheon at Canoe Brook Country Club and at afternoon tea in our home, meeting a number of our townspeople in the course of the visit. As Mayor, I presented a sterling silver bowl and a copy of Vanderpoel's "History of Chatham" to the Davis'. The area newspapers took photographic and news recognition of the event. The Davis' are the owners and operators of the Prince of Wales Hotel, Chatham's leading hostelry, located right in the center of their town on Railroad Street. When the Davis' returned to England, they sent us an attractive tea set of English china; and in the intervening years, we have exchanged a number of presents.

In these intervening years, too, through introductions from us, the McDowells, the McGlumphys, the Stuhrs, and our others from Chatham have visited Chatham in Kent and been cordially received and well entertained. When the McDowells visited there, Les McDowell, who was then President of our Chatham Historical Society, carried with him from me to the Mayor of Chatham an autographed copy of Vanderpoel's "History of Chatham."

I believe the high point in our friendly relations was reached on June 15, 1964, on which day, Mrs. Henderson, son Jim and I visited Chatham in Kent as the guests of the Davis'.
This was six months after my tenure of office as Mayor had concluded. We had been staying for five days or so at the Grosvenor House in London, and by arrangement, the Davis' motored in that morning to our hotel and drove us, through the beautiful countryside, out to Chatham.

A reception was held for us in the Mayor's Parlour in the Town Hall, with the Mayor, J. Buck, and Mayoress, Town Clerk, and several of the Aldermen, as well as the press, in attendance. The Mayor and Mayoress had for us a present of a half-dozen gold teaspoons, bearing the crest of their town of Chatham, which present was later reciprocated by us with a pair of Abraham Lincoln brass book-ends made in New Jersey.

Following this very cordial reception, we were driven by the Davis' to the British Petroleum/Plant at the Isle of Grain, about a dozen miles from Chatham. This is reputed to be the largest oil refinery in Europe. There we were the luncheon guests in their private dining room of Mr. "Sandy" Traintor, the General Manager of BP and his entire executive staff of nineteen officers. After the luncheon and very cordial hospitality, we were given a tour of the plant.

Next, we were driven to the fire headquarters of the Kent Fire Brigade, meeting the chief, a Mr. C. Davis, who had planned a mock fire drill for us. However, just as we arrived, a real fire alarm occurred, and we had the opportunity of watching their staff get into action in moving their equipment. Chief Davis handed me a small replica of the first fire engine of the Kent Fire Brigade, which I told him I would later present to our Fire Chief William R. Kelley, Jr. He welcomed communication with Chief Kelley, and I
believe this has subsequently taken place.

We then returned to the Prince of Wales Hotel for a bit of relaxation and afternoon tea with the Davis' and several others of their family. Following that, they had planned a reception with 100 guests, held in their ballroom. In the receiving line with the Davis', we had the opportunity of meeting each of the guests as they arrived. Later, at cocktails and buffet, we had the opportunity of chatting with nearly all the guests. An orchestra was in attendance, frequently playing American melodies, interspersed with the English. Practically all the present and past living Mayors of Chatham and the adjoining Medway towns of Rochester and Gillingham were present, together with many of their Aldermen. It was a quite representative gathering, with many leading business men, like Mr. Traintor, and their wives included, and such public personages as Rear Admiral Hogg and Lieutenant Lord Rathdonnal, of the Royal Navy, of H. M. Dockyard in Chatham.

Toward the conclusion of the affair, Ron Davis announced to the gathering that Mrs. Stanley Price, a past Mayoress of Chatham, had a particularly significant announcement to make. She then presented to me her deceased husband's medallion of office, together with a photograph of him, "to take back to our Chatham in America." Mr. Price had gone out of office in 1954 and had evidently been a very popular Mayor. I responded with a short talk, thanking her for the warm feeling on something so close to her heart, and told her and the audience I would see that these presentations, appropriately described, would be placed in the show-cases of our Chatham Historical Society in our Municipal Building, where they could be seen by generations of our people forevermore. In address-
ing the gathering, I said that Mrs. Henderson and I felt very close to the English people, Mrs. Henderson because of her English ancestry as a member of the Hovis family and I, because of my Scottish ancestry. In further remarks, warmly received, I said that many Americans felt very close to their British cousins, as I did, and that "come what may in this complex world of stresses and strife today and tomorrow, that Americans fervently hoped that our countries would always stand together as leaders of the free world."

In the year since then, we have enjoyed visits from the Davis', meeting them at Kennedy International Airport for dinner and an evening's socializing, while they were enroute to their daughter in Nassau, and also from Dr. and Mrs. Erskine Gray, who were going on to the mid-west.

Our contacts with Chatham in Kent have been most enjoyable and stimulating, and we know they will continue back and forth in the years ahead. In a small way, we feel all of this somewhat strengthens the bonds between our two countries.

James V. Henderson

September 22, 1965.

Note: Mr. Henderson's autobiographical sketch can be found in the file under "Mayers".
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August 7, 1959

Memorial James M. Henderson
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In keeping with British tradition, we stopped for tea at 4:30 at the Sun Hotel. (English tea is invariably accompanied by the most delicious cakes and cookies available. Tea in Chatham was no exception.)

Following tea we proceeded to the Town Hall where we were met and shown around by Roland Newnes, Town Clerk. ("Town Clerk" fails to properly describe Mr. Newnes' position. He might better be described as "City Manager" with additional duties of Legal Counsel, Protocol Chief and Assistant Mayor!) The Borough Wace Bearer, Mr. H. G. Akhurst, had displayed for our inspection, the various badges of office regalia, awards and documents pertaining to the Borough of Chatham and he gave us a brief history of some of the more important pieces.

About 6 o'clock, his Worship the Mayor of Chatham, Alderman J.S. Thomas and Mayoress Thomas arrived and we had a few minutes for informal visiting. This meeting was followed by a cocktail party for about 50 people including the Aldermen and their wives together with a number of the professional people of Chatham. In the presence of this distinguished gathering Mayor Thomas introduced me, and in your name, I presented the history book to Mayor Thomas for the people of Chatham, England. Mayor Thomas accepted the volume with thanks and in return presented me with a suitably inscribed copy of their history of Chatham, England.

Later as the cocktail party drew to a close, the Mayor called upon me to speak to the group informally about Chatham, New Jersey so that they will all have a little better understanding about our town. Apparently we share many problems in common as they seem to fully understand the expense of building schools and the difficulty of keeping public transportation going smoothly!

Following the cocktail party the Mayor and his wife entertained eight of us for dinner in his private parlor in the Town Hall. Our dinner conversation covered a multiplicity of topics, but outstanding was our expressed thought that our two towns should continue the contacts already established. Jan and I expressed the hope that representatives of Chatham, England could visit Chatham, New Jersey in the not too distant future.

We took leave of our hosts shortly after 11 o'clock and were driven back to our London hotel in the Borough limousine. Our visit to Chatham, England was a rich and inspiring experience. We felt that we were indeed carrying out the President's wish that we make "person to person" contacts with the various peoples throughout the world.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Lester L. McDowell
We were greeted by the Town Clerk (a combined city manager, Borough attorney, and protocol officer) who showed us the City Hall. The Borough Mace Bearer had on display, for our view, all of the various Borough ceremonial regalia, charter, awards, and similar trophies. After a few minutes visit with the Mayor and Mayoress, we were introduced to the various Councilmen and professional people and their wives as they arrived for a cocktail party. After fifty or sixty people had arrived the Mayor introduced us for the presentation. Les presented the History of Chatham to the Mayor on behalf of Mayor Henderson. Our host then acknowledged the presentation with thanks and reciprocated by presenting to Les a beautifully inscribed History of Chatham, Kent. The cocktail party continued informally with both of us answering a dozen and one questions about our home-town. Soon the Mayor came to our rescue, and suggested that Les speak to the assembled group to answer some of their many questions. Les mentioned the suburban nature of our home-town and drew a few chuckles with the mention of community problems that we seem to share with our namesake town in England. Next we were entertained at a small dinner in the Mayor's Private Parlor in City Hall. We expressed the hope that a representative of Chatham, Kent would soon visit Chatham, New Jersey to learn more of our town and so that we might reciprocate their many courtesies. Our visit lasted well into the evening, and we were driven back to London in the Mayor's limousine. The next day, we divided up. Jan joined Melba Ferren and some other friends to visit Ascot to see if English racehorses really do run around the track the wrong way (They do!) and to see the extremes to which the ladies will go in their attire to achieve notice. Jan saw the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret, but missed the Queen who had left that morning for her trip to Canada to open the St. Lawrence Seaway. Les went down to Buckingham Palace to see the Guard change, then he visited St. Paul's Cathedral and the Bank of England to get a coronation crown (now wears gilded on her gold bracelet). He spent the balance of the afternoon at the Tower of London looking bug-eyed at the canons, rifles, pistols, armor, and, oh yes, the Crown jewels. We rejoined at dinnertime when the Ferrens took us to an intimate little club in Soho for dinner.
Captain Lester L. McDowell was born in Newark, N.J., was raised in Maplewood, and now resides in Chatham.

He attended Admial Farragut Academy and Bucknell University before enlisting in the Naval Reserve in July 1940 following the Fall of France.

He attended the first Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School in New York, was commissioned ensign and went immediately on active duty in Nov. 1940.

He served on several heavy cruisers and a battleship, and at training stations at San Diego and at Great Lakes and ended WW II in Trinidad at the Naval Operating Base.

Since WW II he has been constantly active in the Naval Reserve and is at present Chairman of the Commandants Speakers Group of the Third Naval District (Conn., N.Y., & Northern N.J.). He has attended the Naval War College in Newport, and the National War College in Washington.

His war mobilization assignment is:- Chief of Staff, Naval Base Boston.

Captain McDowell is active in a number of organizations including; Secretary of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey, Commander of the N.Y. Commandery, Military Order of Foreign Wars of the U.S., Historian of the N.Y. Commandery, Naval Order of the U.S., Naval Reserve Association, Navy League of the U.S.

He is married to the former Janet Hillenbrand of Irvington. The McDowells have two daughters.

(In 1969, Captain McDowell went on temporary active duty with the Navy and was attached to the Staff of Commander, Naval Support Force, Antarctica - Operation DEEP FREEZE- where he visited several of the U.S. Bases in Antarctica, including the South Pole.)

In civilian life he is president of Contemporary Ceramics, Ltd., designers and manufacturers of ceramic specialties.
Captain Lester L. McDowell

12 Edgehill Avenue
Report by Dewey A. Hagen on visit to Chatham, England while on tour to Ireland, England, Germany and the Island of Majorca.

Monday, September 6, 1965 was the highlight of our twenty-one day European tour when we, accompanied by our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ellis from Westfield, visited Chatham, England.

As previously arranged with Mayor Ron Foster, his limousine, driven by Mr. Payne, met us at 9:45 A.M. at the Mount Royal Hotel, London, and drove us to Chatham. A very delightful ride of about 35 miles afforded us an opportunity to become acquainted with our driver and to see the bustle and bustle of the big city and the suburban towns on the way as well as a new and partly constructed super highway which is becoming common in many countries in Europe.

We arrived at the Borough Hall at 11:15 A.M. where we were met by the Mayor’s Aide, Mr. Palm, who also serves as superintendent of the building. Mr. Palm escorted us to the Mayor’s Parlour on the second floor where he introduced us to Mayor and Mayoress Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hill, the town clerk. We were most cordially and graciously welcomed to Chatham. After chatting for a few moments over a cup of tea, much to our surprise, three representatives of the press were admitted to the Mayor’s Parlour where we were interviewed and photographed with our hosts. During this meeting Mayor Foster presented to me a sterling silver letter opener bearing the inscription “Presented to the Mayor of Chatham, New Jersey as an expression of friendship from the Mayor of Chatham, England, September 1965.” In turn, I presented Mayor Foster with a gavel and sounding board suitably inscribed to commemorate the occasion.

Mayor Foster then suggested we take a walk around the center of town which we thoroughly enjoyed. Some areas of town are old, some new but all gave the appearance of cleanliness and thrift.

Chatham with a population of 50,000 is a commuter town with very little industry and resembles our Chatham in its residential characteristics. In the days of wooden ships, it was a naval ship building yard. Today the ship yard is non-existent and the area converted into a lovely park. A few of the usable remaining buildings have been taken over by the town for public use.

After a very enjoyable lunch with our hosts at a restaurant located in the park and operated by the town we toured the town by car and then proceeded to the Fire Station in the adjoining town of Medway.

The officer in charge, Mr. C. Drake, and his detail of fourteen men had been alerted to our visit and were awaiting us. Mr. Drake escorted us through the building and then, after calling his detail to attention, requested me to review the squad after which he introduced each man personally to me.

As a token of friendship and esteem I presented to Mr. Drake in behalf of our Chief, William Kelley, two medallions commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of our Fire Department.

The Fire House at Medway is a new and modern structure with five major pieces of apparatus one of which is a Magirus 100 ft. all steel turntable ladder truck. Another item of interest was an old steam pumper located on the lawn in front of the building, a small replica...
of which had been previously presented to our former Mayor James Henderson. It is of interest to note that while this pumper had been retired from service long before World War II it was reconditioned and placed in service during the war to combat fires resulting from the bombings.

On our return trip to Chatham Mayor Foster pointed out several fields of hops which are grown in the area. An unusual sight as they are not commercially grown in New Jersey.

Upon our return to the Mayor's Parlour we again were served tea while bidding our farewells, after which we returned to London in the Mayor's limousine.

Truly a great day with many fond memories of such friendly and hospitable people.

Dewey A. Hagen, Mayor

Note: Mr. Hagen's autobiographical sketch can be found in the file under "Mayors".
Chatham Historical Society
Chatham, New Jersey

April 13, 1972

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Henderson
1315 Brookie Drive
York, Pa. 17403

Dear Goldie and Jim —

Greetings from Chatham (not England, true, but yet another with fond memories of you both), to welcome you to your new home!

Greetings, yes — and a heartfelt "Thank you", too, for those treasured souvenirs of your happy contacts over the years with our counterparts across the sea.

The sterling silver inlaid, with its twin "Chatham" inscriptions, is exquisite. It will always occupy a place of honor among the Society's most cherished possessions. The photograph among the Society's cherished possessions, the photographic picture album, recording so many happy events in photographic detail, will be another source of delight for years to come.

The pictured, schematic map of Old Chatham is most interesting — we hope soon to have it suitably framed and hung.

On behalf of the Chatham Historical Society, our grateful thanks — and our warmest good wishes to you both for the future.

Most cordially yours,

George T.B. Walker
President
Silver Inkstand presented by ex-Mayor and Mrs. Hennessen
to the Chatham Historical Society
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Dr. Wilbur R. Coss (D.C.)

Dr. Coss established his practice in Chatham in 1937. His home and office were located at 338 Main Street. He lived with his mother. His recreation was traveling. They traveled extensively in the U.S.A. He continued his practice until the time of his death in 1970.
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